



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Fire Safety at Your Home Away from Home

Fire Safety on Vacation:

Keep in mind that laws and codes change all of the time based on various situations, locations, and events. Be sure to independently research and ask questions about the laws and codes pertaining to your vacation rental

Safety Tips:

- Working smoke alarms are in every sleeping room. They are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home/location.
- Working smoke alarms are interconnected, if possible. When one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Portable fire extinguishers are in the home/location and are easy to reach.
- Working carbon monoxide alarms are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home and in other locations as required by laws, codes, or standards.

- The owner has posted a floor plan. It notes all escape routes and exits and provides emergency contact information.



- Everyone knows the address of the location.
- Everyone staying at the location has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency.
- All doors and windows that lead outside are able to be opened.
- An outside meeting place has been chosen. It is a safe distance away from the home.

- Everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone from outside.
- If smoking is allowed, a smoking area has been designated and is well away from the structure. Deep, sturdy ashtrays have been provided.
- All pathways are free and clear of tripping hazards.
- Electrical outlets are free from multiple cords and adaptors.
- The stovetop is clear. Anything that can catch fire is not near the stovetop, such as curtains and towels

National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/AirbnbSafetyTips.ashx>

Solve the Fire Wuzzles

WUZZLES are word puzzles consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, sayings, etc.

For example, the solution to NOON GOOD is "Good afternoon" and LINE READ LINE is "Read between the lines."

<u>No No No</u>	RISE
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Answers to last month's wuzzles are paradox and part-time job.

Fire Safety Quiz

- Each year, there are an estimated 3,900 hotel and motel fires that cause 15 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$100 million in property losses.
 - True
 - False
- _____ is the leading cause of hotel and motel fires.
 - Heating
 - Cooking
 - Smoking
 - Unattended candles

Answers to last month's quiz are 1. A. & 2. D.



Freddie D. Broome, Fire Chief

A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in. ~ Robert Orben

Peer-to-peer hospitality services, such as Airbnb, Vacation Rentals by Owner and other types of vacation rentals are not regulated in the same way as hotels.

Check online to see your travel destination's regulations for rental properties. Ask your host if the property meets the regulations. Discuss other safety concerns you may have.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer? Please contact Ms. Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email to: valdostafire@valdostacity.com