



# LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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## Not Every Hero Wears a Cape, Plan and Practice Your Escape

### Fire Facts:

One-third of American households who made an estimate, thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less.

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.

While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of them have practiced it.

Only 8% of people in those households said their first thought on hearing a smoke

alarm would be to get out!

### Safety Tips

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss this plan with everyone in the home.



- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice yearly.
- Know at least two ways out of every room.
- Make sure all windows and doors leading outside operate easily in

case of emergency.

- Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.
- CLOSE doors behind you as you leave the home to prevent fire, smoke, and heat spread.
- Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Make sure your house numbers are easily seen from the street.

### National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/EscapePlanningTips.ashx?la=en>

### 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."

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Answers to last month's wuzzles are Metaphor and put it in writing.

### Fire Safety Quiz

1. Children should be taught how to escape on their own just in case a parent is not around to help them during a fire.
  - A. True
  - B. False
2. Smoke alarms should be replaced every \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. three years
  - B. five years
  - C. eight years
  - D. ten years

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

### A single fire hydrant in San Francisco survived a massive earthquake in 1906 and aided fire fighters in saving the Mission district. In memory of the event, the hydrant was painted gold.

Have an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet in the event of a fire emergency.

If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside of a burning house for people nor pets. Call the fire department immediately.

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](mailto:valdostafire@valdostacity.com)



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