

# HOME FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

## SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

- Homes without working smoke alarms account for 2/3 of home fire deaths
- Install and maintain smoke alarms on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas
- *Never remove working smoke alarm batteries and keep spare batteries on hand*
- The number 1 reason a smoke alarm failed to operate in home fires was a missing or disconnected battery. Dead and missing batteries are responsible for 3/4 of smoke alarm failures

## PLANNING AHEAD IS VITAL

- Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH)
- Know your meeting place
- *Never re-enter a burning building*

SUFFOLK DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & RESCUE



**TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM ONCE A MONTH**

## COOK WITH CARE

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires

## KEEP MATCHES, LIGHTERS and SMOKING MATERIALS SECURED

- Never smoke in bed

## IF YOU ARE EVER IN A FIRE, STAY CALM and DON'T PANIC

- With advance planning and precaution, you will survive!

# ***WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOULD DO IN CASE OF A FIRE***

1. Don't Panic– escape may depend on clear thinking.
2. Get out of the house following the planned escape routes, if possible. Do not stop to collect valuables or to dress.
3. Open doors carefully only after feeling them with the back of your hand to see if they are hot. If they are, do not open -- follow an alternate escape route.
4. Keep close to the floor -- smoke and hot gases rise. Breathe through a cloth (wet if possible) and take short, shallow breaths.
5. Keep doors and windows closed unless it is necessary to open them for escape.
6. Meet at your pre-established meeting place after leaving your house.
7. Call your Fire Department as soon as possible from outside the home. Give your address and name.
8. Never re-enter a burning building.

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