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SAFETY TIP

Child Fire Safety

Everyday Americans experience the tragedy of fire. Fires kill more than 600 children ages 14 and under each year and injure approximately 47,000 other children.

Children attending school participate in fire drills and fire safety events; however it is still important to reiterate fire safety in the home.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages parents to teach children at an early age about fire safety in an effort to prevent child injuries, child deaths and fire setting behavior in the future.

Tips for practicing fire safety:

- **Escape route planning:** Designate two ways out of every room .
- **Windows are for more than fresh air:** Make sure windows are not stuck closed, that screens can be removed easily and that security bars can be opened.



Child care providers, teachers, and parents should partner together to teach children of all ages about fire safety.

- **Second floor safety:** Escape ladders should be placed near second floor windows, and children should practice using them.
- **Feeling way to safety:** Children should practice their way out of the home in the dark or with their eyes closed.
- **Use positive methods of teaching fire safety :** Research indicates that children learn more when they are taught positive specific methods of fire safety.

- **Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide alarms:** Install, Check and Maintain. Three simple words followed by action could save your life.
- **The Three Foot Rule:** Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heat sources. Teach children to maintain this distance to prevent accidental burning.

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