

As home residents the importance of fire safety awareness is very important

Is your family and you F.I.R.E. Ready? Fire Instructions for Rapid Escape

In our topics of important home living discussion we list: A Clean House
Indoor Air Quality
Peace and Quiet

And now the focus of this composition discussion is Fire Safety Awareness!

We'd like to mention available products and strategies to first protect your loved ones and then your valuable property assets.

So how well prepared is your family if faced with a sudden fire or disaster within your home?

We have the following suggestions for such emergencies:

First and foremost there are many preemptive measures available to be set in place such as:

Install a fire suppression system throughout your home.

Smoke and heat detectors (preferred are intelligent multicriteria alarms) installed in every bedroom and in hallways that are hard-wired and wired in sequence so if one detects a possible issue, then all the alarms sound. And these devices are equipped with battery backups if the house power is suddenly not working. Data has shown that homes with working smoke detectors have a 55% lower fatality rate.

Have available fire extinguishers ready at known locations and know when to use them. And be able to use a fire extinguisher correctly by practicing.

At least twice a year we recommend a fire safety drill be rehearsed. These drills include the family knowing what to do and the route to follow without instant instructions to avoid panic. And family members arrive at the designated location.

Test your smoke detector batteries twice a year

Here is the order of F.I.R.E. safety actions if a fire is encountered:

- 1- First rescue or remove any people from the immediate scene and evacuate
- 2- Then call 911 from a safe location.
- 3- While the family is evacuating the premises, keep in mind do not open doors that feel hot and if smoke appears stay low toward the floor. Use extinguishers if needed to assist in evacuating.
- 4- If possible close all doors to the hazard or fire area behind you
- 5- If the fire is small & contained in one area extinguish using the closest fire extinguisher

There are many fire prevention tips to be discovered and understood on many internet sites but mainly your local fire department website.