



What to do if there is a Fire in Your Home

Get Out and Stay Out

If there is a fire in your home, get outside as quickly as you can. Go to your family's meeting place and then call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number for help. Stay on the phone with the operator who answers until the firefighters arrive.

Check to see that everyone is out of the home and at the meeting place. **NEVER** go back into a burning building for any reason, not even to find a family member or pet.

If someone is still inside, tell the operator on the phone.

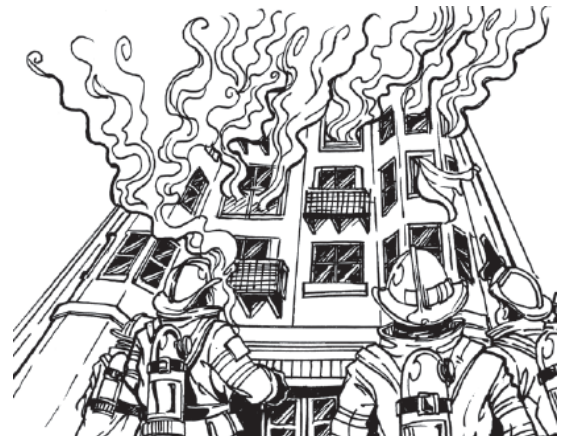


When Help Arrives

When the fire department arrives, a firefighter will ask if there is anyone still in the home. The firefighter will ask if you know where the fire started. Try to stay calm and answer the questions.

Every firefighter at the fire has a specific job to do. They will work together to plan how to rescue people and put out the fire.

The firefighters will also give basic first aid to people who are hurt. An ambulance will take people to the hospital if they need medical care.



Sometimes the firefighters have to break doors, windows, and walls, or cut a hole in the roof to do their job. The water from the fire hose can also damage your home or the things inside your home. Sometimes the firefighters have to put water on nearby buildings so they don't burn. **But you can replace these things. The most important things firefighters do is save lives and keep people safe.**

After the Fire

Call a local disaster relief group that can help you with food, clothing, a place to stay, and other things that you may need. These groups often come to home fires to help even before they are called.

Examples include:

- The American Red Cross
- The Salvation Army
- Local disaster relief organizations



Do not go back into your home until the fire department tells you it is safe.

When it is okay to go back into your home, do these things:

- If you have insurance, call the company before you go back in to the home. The company will help you make a list of everything that is lost or damaged.
- Look for damage from fire, smoke, or water in floors, ceilings, or walls. If a room does not look safe, do not go into it.
- Throw out food, drinks, and medicine that were exposed to heat, smoke, ashes or water.
- The firefighters will make sure that the water, gas, and electricity are safe to use. If they are not safe, the firefighters will shut them off. Never try to turn them back on yourself.

What to take from your home:

If you can go back into your home, try to find these things:

- identification, such as driver's licenses, immigration papers, and Social Security cards
- insurance information
- medical information
- eyeglasses and other things you use such as hearing aids
- money, credit cards, bank books, cash and jewelry
- clothes and other things that were not damaged by fire, smoke, or water

Who to contact:

If there is a fire in your home and you have to go live in another place, tell these people where you are staying:

- insurance company or agent
- mortgage company or landlord
- family and friends
- employer
- school
- post office
- delivery services you use
- fire and police departments
- gas, electric, and oil companies

If you cannot stay in your home:

- Tell the police department that you will not be living in your home.
- Cover doors and windows so that people cannot get into the home.

Word Scramble

Directions: Unscramble the letters below to make words about what to do if there is a fire in your home. Write the unscrambled words on the blank lines.

Find the answers on page 4.

1. eapoorrt _____
2. tou _____
3. emeingt _____
4. ugninrb _____
5. ftrfhriegei _____
6. ttderas _____
7. bjo _____
8. apln _____
9. rcuees _____
10. diwwosn _____
11. nbru _____
12. easv _____

Answer Key: Fill in the Blanks: 1) operator 2) out 3) meeting 4) burning 5) firefighter 6) started 7) job 8) plan 9) rescue 10) windows 11) burn 12) save

Fill in the Blanks

Directions: Choose the best words from the list to fill in the blanks below.

Find the answers on page 3.

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| started | operator | plan | windows | rescue | burning |

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Check to see that everyone is o_____ (2) of the home and at the m_____ (3) place.

NEVER go back into a b_____ (4) building for any reason, not even to find a family member or pet. If someone is still in the burning building, tell the operator on the phone.

When Help Arrives

When the fire department arrives, a f_____ (5) will ask if there is anyone still in the home. The firefighter will ask if you know where the fire s_____ (6). Try to stay calm and answer the questions.

Every firefighter at the fire has a specific j_____ (7) to do. They will work together to p_____ (8) how to r_____ (9) people and put out the fire.

Sometimes the firefighters have to break doors, w_____ (10), and walls, or cut a hole in the roof to do their job. The water from the fire hose can also damage your home or the things in your home. Sometimes the firefighters have to put water on nearby buildings so they don't b_____ (11).

But the most important thing firefighters do is s_____ (12) lives and keep people safe.

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