



FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA

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Children & Fire Life-Saving Tips

- ☑ Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- ☑ Keep matches, lighters, and other ignitables in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- ☑ Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- ☑ Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100-percent cotton garments, such as oversized T-shirts.
- ☑ Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- ☑ Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.
- ☑ Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- ☑ Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
- ☑ Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- ☑ Replace mattresses made prior to the 1973 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- ☑ Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.
- ☑ For more fire safety information for young children visit www.usfaparents.gov.

Did you know?

- ▶ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- ▶ Each year about 300 people are killed and \$280 million in property is destroyed in fires attributed to children playing with fire.
- ▶ Deaths due to fires caused by children playing with fire are particularly preventable.
- ▶ Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire nearly half.