

Manufactured Home Safety: Safety Tips

- Have a minimum of two smoke alarms installed in your home regardless of sleeping space arrangements.
- ☑ 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.
- Maintain your home heating system by having it serviced at least once a year by a professional.
- ☑ Do not store combustibles or flammables near heat sources.
- Never overload outlets, extension cords, or electrical circuits. If the circuit breaker trips or fuses blow, call a licensed electrician to check your system.
- ☑ Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.
- If there is a fire, get out immediately and stay out. Go to a neighbor's home and call the emergency phone number in your area. In most areas the number is 911.
- Space heaters need their space. Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from drapes, clothing, or other combustible materials.
- ☑ Install skirting material to keep leaves and other debris and combustible items from blowing under your manufactured home.

Did you know?

- ► Smoke alarms are less likely to be present or operating in manufactured homes.
- There is a higher fire death rate per 100 manufactured homes as compared to other home fires.
- Cooking is the leading cause of fires in manufactured homes.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.