

October - Fire Prevention Month

12-Months-To-Preparedness

Fact:

The majority of fatal fires occur when people are sleeping, and because smoke can put you into a deeper sleep rather than waking you, it's important to have mechanical early warning of a fire to ensure that you wake up. If anyone in your household is deaf or if your own hearing is diminished, consider installing a smoke alarm that uses a flashing light or vibration to alert you to a fire emergency.

Fire Escape Checklist

- Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?
- Is there a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area?
- Is there a smoke alarm on each level of the home, including the basement?
- Do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- Do you know two ways out of each room in your home?
- Do you know what to do when you hear your smoke alarm?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of trash and toys?
- Has your family picked a meeting place outside the home where everyone can go when they've escaped a fire?
- Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- Do you and all family members practice your escape plans at least twice a year?

Make Sure You Have The Following Items For Your Home:

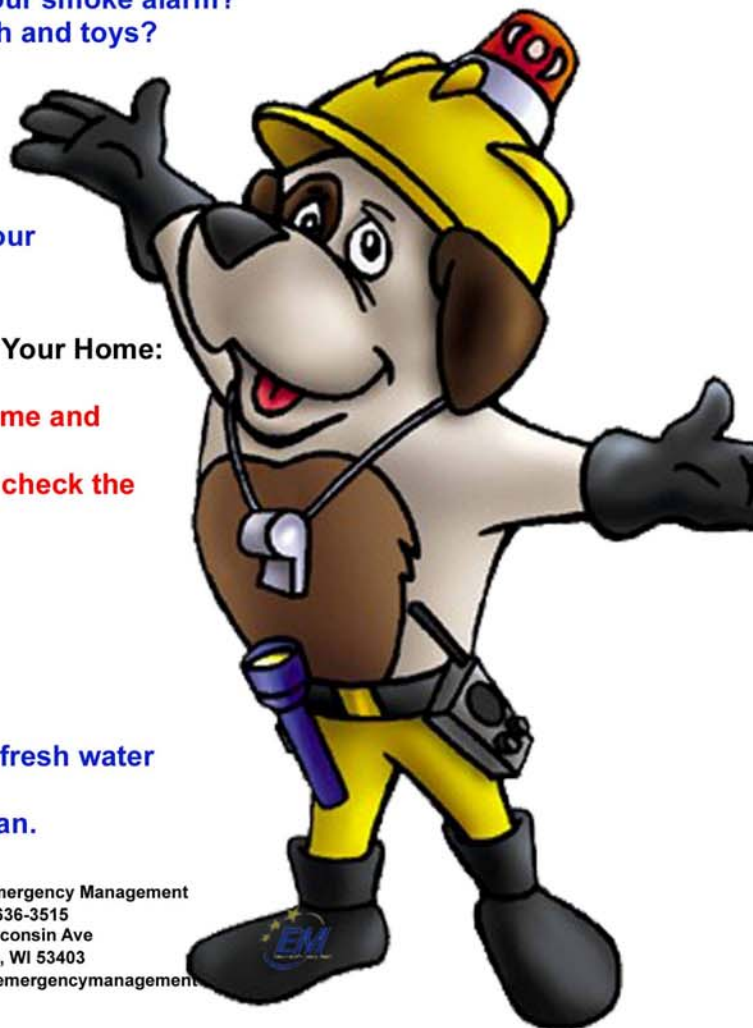
- 1) A fire extinguisher for each floor of your home and your garage
- 2) Smoke detectors and batteries - Be sure to check the batteries monthly

(Above information from www.nfpa.org)

General Disaster Kit Items:

- 1) Feminine supplies
- 2) Personal hygiene items
- 3) Disinfectant

Why? In an emergency, you may be without fresh water and soap. It is important to have the above items in your kit to keep you healthy and clean.



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