

# Six Fire Safety Tips

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1. **Install and Test Smoke Detectors Regularly** Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home and outside sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should be tested every month, and batteries changed annually.
2. **Develop a Fire Escape Plan:** Designate a safe, accessible meeting spot outside, away from your home. A fire escape plan should be devised and practiced at least twice a year.
3. **Stop, Drop and Roll:** Stop, drop to the ground and roll if your clothes are on fire. Families should know this technique and it should be practiced with children.
4. **Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit:** Make an emergency supply kit and include things like a flashlight, batteries a whistle, blankets and water. An extra supply kit should be kept un your car in case you are unable to immediately return inside.
5. **Gather Emergency Contact Information:** Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers in cell phones and keep it in the supply kit.
6. **Store Important Documents in a Safe Place:** Find a place to store important documents like birth certificates and financial information. You should even consider making copies of these documents and storing them in a secure, off-site location.