



Safety News!



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FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Smoke Alarms Working

- Have smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Make sure a smoke alarm is inside or near every bedroom.
- Test each smoke alarm monthly by pushing the button until you hear a loud noise.
- Replace batteries at least yearly.
- If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, replace them.

Can everyone hear the alarm and wake up?

- Young children might sleep through the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Have a family member prepared to wake the children for fire drills and in a real emergency.

Have an escape plan

- Have a plan for how to get out if there is a fire.
- Find two ways out of every room - the door and maybe a window.
- Children and older people may need help escaping a fire. Plan for this.
- Know who needs help and select someone to help them.
- Make sure windows and doors open easily.
- Make sure everyone can reach and open locks on doors and windows.
- Make sure stairs and doorways are never blocked.
- If you have security bars on doors and windows, have a "quick -release" latch.
- This makes it easy to get outside in an emergency.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to use a latch.
- Look for things that could slow down your escape. Move or fix them.

Have a home fire drill

- Push the test button on the smoke alarm so your family knows the sound.
- Go over your plan and have a practice drill twice a year with your family.
- Practice when everyone else is asleep at least once.
- Have a place to meet in front of your home.

Know how you call for help

- Know the Fire Department emergency number 9-1-1.
- If there is a fire, get out first, and go to your family meeting place. Then call the Fire Department.
- Use a portable phone or a neighbor's phone.
- Get out and stay out. Never go back inside a burning building.

September Accidents

Contractor Lost Time - 4

- 9/08 - Biggs AAF
- 9/09 - Biggs AAF (2)
- 9/16 - Fort Polk

Government - 2

- 9/10 - Lackland AFB
- 9/17 - Stillhouse Lake

Public Fatalities - 1

- 9/14 - Lewisville Lake



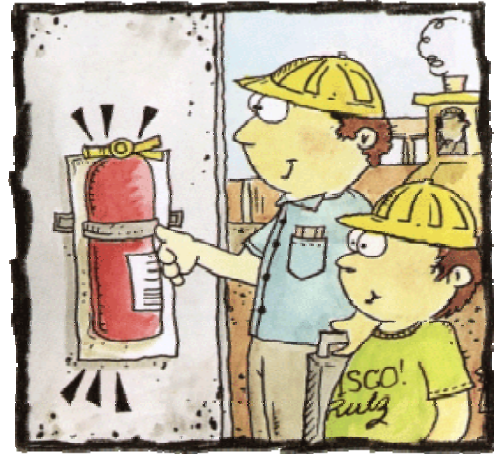


Halloween Safety

With witches, goblins, and superheroes descending on neighborhoods across America, the American Red Cross offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

- Walk, slither, and sneak on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks, and low-flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.
- Wear light colored or reflective—type clothing so you are more visible. (And remember to put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, and brooms, too!)
- Plan your route and share it with your parents. If possible, have an adult go with you.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. (Costumes can be extremely flammable.)
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Inspect all treats before eating. And don't eat candy if the package is already open. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

Check your fire extinguishers, too!



Word Search

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| SPOOKY | TREAT | TRICK |



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