



Preparing for a Fire

Solano County Office of Emergency Services

Are You Ready for a Fire?



Here's what you can do to prepare

Make Your Home Fire-Safe

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each level of your home.
- If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas too.
- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.
- Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every ten years.
- Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department on how to use them.

Plan Your Escape Routes

- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second and third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near a window.
- Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.
- Practice plan at least twice a year.

Escape Safely

- Once out, stay out! Call 911 from a neighbors house.
- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second route. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke.
- If your escape is through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm use your second way out.
- If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a bright colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call 911 and tell them where you are.