

RISK CONTROL

WHAT TO DO IN A FIRE



If there were a fire where you live, what would you do? Fires are always a scary situation, and no one likes to think about getting hurt. It's crucial to prepare so you can avoid panic, think clearly, and act quickly during a fire emergency. Here are some essential steps you should take to prepare.

Plan Ahead

- **Escape Routes:** Exiting through a door that leads directly outside should be your first choice. However, you may need to exit another way, such as a window, stairwell, or an outside fire escape.
- **Meeting Place:** Make sure you have a designated spot outside to meet.
- **Practice:** Practice escaping in a fire so that you can act quickly in an emergency. Remember, you shouldn't stay any longer than you must, even to call 911.

Exit Safely

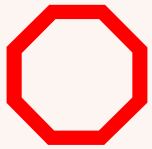
- If smoke is visible, stay as low to the ground as possible as you crawl towards the exit.
- Your main exit door should lead directly to an exit. Designate secondary exits as part of your emergency escape route. Never use elevators.
- Check for smoke coming from the main exit door.
 - If you see smoke, don't open the door.
 - If you don't see smoke, touch the door. Don't open a hot door.
- If smoke isn't coming from the main exit door and it's not hot, touch the doorknob.
 - If the doorknob is hot, don't open the door.
 - If the doorknob is cool, open the door carefully. If a burst of heat or smoke pours into the room, quickly shut the door.
- If you cannot exit the room, follow your emergency escape route.
- Shout at others to alert them of fire and pull a fire alarm if it is in a safe location.
- Once you are out of the building, call 911.
- **Do not re-enter the building for any reason until the fire department has cleared it.**



If You're Trapped

- Call 911 and shout for help from a window if smoke or fire is blocking your escape.
- If there's a 'safe room' or 'fire room' nearby, attempt to access this room.
- While awaiting help, try to stay near a window for fresh air.

IF YOUR CLOTHES CATCH FIRE



STOP

Don't run around.



DROP

Get on the ground so it's harder for fire to spread.



ROLL

This will help smother the flames.

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