

**F**or more information on fire safety,  
prevention and response, visit:

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CSPC)  
[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

American Red Cross  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

NYS Division of Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services  
Office of Fire Prevention and Control  
[www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/)



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*Protect Your Home and Family*

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• Use these tips today to protect your home and family.

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## SMOKE ALARMS

- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms.
- Place a smoke alarm on every level including inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Interconnect the alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Install smoke alarms and alert devices to assist family members who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Alert devices, such as strobe lights, flash when the

smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers may be useful to wake a person who is sleeping. The shakers are triggered by the sound of the smoke alarm and shake people awake to warn them of a fire.

- Test your alarms at least once a month. Press each test button to make sure it is working.
  - Review the Consumer Product Safety Commission website, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov), for information on recalled smoke alarms.
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## HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- Plan your home escape; including two ways out of each room.
- Plan an outside family meeting place.
- Share the escape plan with everyone in the family and guests.
- Practice your fire drill.

- Make sure children, older adults, and people with disabilities have assistance.
  - Make sure your home has bright lighting in stairways to prevent falls.
  - Remove clutter to prevent trips and falls to allow for a quick escape.
  - Install handrails along the full length of both sides of the stairs.
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## FIRE RESPONSE

- If there is a fire, get outside quickly and stay outside. Then call 9-1-1.
- If you can't get outside call 9-1-1. Let the fire department know you can't get outside. Wave a

light-colored cloth or a flashlight near the window, but don't open the window.

- If there is smoke, use your second way out. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke.