

If Clothes Catch Fire "Stop, Drop, Cover Your Face and Roll"

Plan Escape Routes

- Locate all exits in your building
- Locate two exits from where you sleep
- Locate fire alarm pull stations in your buildings

Prevention

- No live Christmas trees
- Don't tamper with fire safety equipment
- Don't use matches, candles, fireworks, etc.
- Don't leave kitchen unattended when cooking
- No alcohol (no alcoholic beverages)
- Fires can be caused by electrical appliances with frayed or faulty wiring

- Replace worn or damaged cords
- Keep electrical appliances away from wet floors or counters — especially in the bathroom
- Use electrical appliances with Underwriter's Laboratory seal for safety
 - **NEVER** overload extension cords or wall sockets
 - Shut off any electrical appliance that becomes hot to touch

Any Questions?

Contact the Fire Safety Department or
Robert Gleason
718-990-2587
Fire Safety Director

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Fire Safety
for Your Life



In Case of Fire

- Notify persons in the area
- Close the door as you exit
- Evacuate the building
- Pull the nearest fire alarm pull station on your way out
- Call Public Safety at one of the numbers below or 911

Public Safety: Queens 718-990-5252
Manhattan 212-277-5155
Staten Island 718-390-4487
Oakdale 718-374-1435

- Move 150 ft away from the building entrances
- Inform responders of location and description of fire (i.e., interior, exterior, gas, explosion, smoldering, raging, etc.)

Take Fire Alarms Seriously

- Evacuate immediately upon hearing the fire alarm
- Never ignore fire alarms
- Never wait to see or smell smoke

- Never stop to collect your personal belongings
- Always follow instructions from Fire Safety or Public Safety Officers

Getting Out

- Feel the door handle
 - If handle is **NOT** hot, open door cautiously
 - Check for smoke or fire before going out
- Close the door behind you
 - You may help keep the fire from spreading
 - You may protect your possessions from fire and smoke damage
- Get out of the building before phoning for help
 - Don't take time to phone before leaving
- Pull the fire alarm pull station on your way out if it is in your exit path
 - Do not wander off from your most direct exit out to look for a fire alarm
- Yell fire as you leave
- Knock on doors as you leave

- Don't search for other people or waste time gathering your belongings — **LEAVE**
- Don't hesitate or stray from your path as you leave.
- Crawl low to the floor — there is less smoke and toxins there
 - Smoke will rise making it impossible to see when standing
 - Toxic chemicals in smoke when inhaled can be deadly in minutes
- Once out find a phone and call Public Safety at one of the numbers below or 911
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- If the handle is hot, don't open door
 - Go to window and call for help
 - Get someone's attention
 - Yell and scream
 - Hang a sheet from window
 - Stay low — there is less smoke and toxic gases close to the floor
 - Wait — never panic or jump

