FIRE SAFETY BULLETIN

Know What to Do in Case of a Fire



Department of Environmental Health and Safety — Office of Fire Safety

Get out Alive

- If you get caught in a fire situation, survival is your first priority.
- Know two ways out.
- Feel the door.
  1) If it's hot, don't open it. Instead, use your second way out, or go to a window and call for help.
  2) If it's cool, stay low and open it slowly. Check for smoke and fire before going out.
- Get out before calling 911.
- If a fire alarm is available, pull it on the way out.
- Keep the fire from spreading by closing the door behind you.
- Knock on doors and yell "FIRE" as you leave.

Crawl Low to the Floor

- Thick smoke can make it impossible to see. Toxic chemicals in the smoke can become deadly in seconds.
- Heat and smoke rise—the freshest, safest air is close to the floor. Even firefighters crawl low.

What if You Can't Get out?

- Use your cell phone and call for help.
- Try to get someone's attention.
- Close and seal your door to keep out smoke.
- Hang or wave something from the window to get attention.
- Yell out the window.

DO NOT ...

- Do not search for others.
- Do not try to gather your things.

Reminder: *You DO NOT have time to do anything but escape.*

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