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About us

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About NFPA

Global non-profit devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards.

- Support for development, adoption, and enforcement of codes and standards
- Research and data analysis
- Technical training and certification
- Public education
- Outreach and advocacy

FAST FACTS
- Founded in 1896
- More than 60,000 members
- 6,000 volunteers
- 275+ technical code development committees
- 300 codes and standards
- 300 employees
Valerie’s Story
AGENDA

• Why are we here?
• Fire Prevention Week history

• 2018 FPW theme:
  • Look!
  • Listen!
  • Learn!
Why are we here?

• How prepared are you?
• How prepared do you want to be?
• How prepared are other families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children (and adults)?
• How can we spread the word and help save lives?
Fire Prevention Week

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org
Look!
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• for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
Leading causes of home fire and prevention

- Cooking
- Heating
- Electrical
- Smoking
Cooking

- Unattended cooking
- 3 foot “kid-zone”
- Hot, Sometimes Hot
  
  & Not Hot

www.nfpa.org/public-education
Hot /Sometimes Hot/Not Hot!
Video resources

Heating

- Space heaters
- Maintenance
- Proximity
Electrical

- Cords
- Maintenance
- Wattage
Smoking

- Where people smoke
- Putting them out
- Electronic Cigs/Vaping
Reducing the Risks
Listen!
Listen!

• for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should meet.
Specialized Smoke Alarms
Access to Alarms

- Contact your local fire department
  - Many fire departments have installation programs
  - State office
  - American Red Cross
  - Community Agencies
Learn!
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• two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.
Home Escape Plan

• A home escape plan is your way out of your home if you have a fire. After you plan your escape, all family members should practice the escape plan every six months. The more you practice your escape plan, the more prepared you will be to take action in an emergency.

• If you have difficulty making an escape plan, call your local fire department and ask for assistance.
Creating a Home Escape Plan

Steps:

• Draw a map of your home
• 2 ways out of every room
• Windows and doors open easily
• Working smoke alarms
Creating a Home Escape Plan

• House numbers easily seen
• Talk with everyone in your family
• Know emergency numbers
• Practice!
Practice around your abilities
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For family members (and kids) who are Deaf

• How to prepare
• What type of specialized alarm do you have?
  – What does it do to alert?
  – How should they respond?
  – Cochlear implants/hearing aids
Comparison of Room Furnishings
Natural Room
Synthetic Room

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In a Fire…

• Feel your door
• Stay low
• Defend in place
• Get out & Stay out
In a Fire…

Rapid communication is key

• If you are Deaf/hard-of-hearing consider ways you might communicate
  – Pen and paper
  – Dry erase
  – Knox Box
  – Signs and signals
CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE

Fire Prevention Week Demonstration
Resources
Support Recources

- **STEP ONE:** Click on who you want to be in your story.
- **STEP TWO:** Click on what color you want to be.
- **STEP THREE:** Type your name, age, where you live, and your outside meeting place in the boxes below:
  - Name:
  - Age:
  - Where I live:
  - My outside meeting place is:

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- **Every Second Counts:** Fire Safety Checklist
- **How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan:**
- **Plan 2 Ways Out of Every Room:**
Thoughts?
Home Fire Sprinklers

Smoke alarms aren't enough
Make no mistake: smoke alarms are crucial and significantly cut the risk of dying in a home fire. But those devices do nothing to suppress a fire. Home fire sprinklers in coordination with smoke alarms have been proven to protect lives and property against fire. In fact, sprinklers cut the risk of dying in a home fire by an astounding 80 percent.

Sprinklers do more than save lives
Sprinklers can also save your home. In fact, these devices can reduce the average property loss per home by about 70 percent.

Beware of false claims
Sprinkler opponents like to say that "most homes are safer without sprinklers." Actually, newer homes tend to have lesser open spaces, lightweight construction materials, and furniture stuffed with combustible materials—all factors that accelerate fire spread and lead to homes burning more quickly than ever before. Theseffficients both homeowners and fire fighters at significant risk.

Make a Convincing Case for Home Fire Sprinklers

Support the adoption of home fire sprinkler requirements by highlighting these key points to community members, legislators, and code-making authorities.

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- Home fires are a major problem in North America
  Home fires are a significant threat to the people of your community. On average, 1,500 people each year are dying in U.S. home fires. Further, the incidence of this problem is such that roughly 80 percent of all fire deaths are the result of home fires.

- Home fire sprinklers are cost effective
  A report commissioned by the Fire Protection Research Foundation demonstrates that the average cost of installing sprinklers in new homes at a $25 per square foot, or about one percent of the total construction cost, while costs can vary significantly depending on jurisdiction and materials used, often pay for themselves over time.
Home Fire Sprinklers & Hollywood
Home Fire Sprinklers for real
For Kids!

Sparky.org
What’s next?
It’s Time to Take Action

AT HOME:

• Talk with your family
• Identify improvement areas
• “3 is Key” – take action on 3 things within 3 weeks of getting home

IN MY COMMUNITY:

• Talk with my Hands & Voices chapter leaders
• Identify improvement areas
• “3 is Key” – take action on 3 things within 3 months of getting home
CREATE A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

• Contact the NFPA to discuss ways to improve fire safety and preparedness among families with children who are d/hh in your state

• Identify local partners and state agencies, such as your state fire marshal, Red Cross, department for the deaf and hard of hearing
Fire Safety Programming in Virginia:

To view the recorded Webinars:

• [www.vahandsandvoices.org](http://www.vahandsandvoices.org)

• Click on ‘2017 Fire Safety Webinars’

• Create an NFPA profile to view the Webinars
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LET’S PROTECT IT TOGETHER.