

MINOOKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Smoke Signals

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The dedicated members of the Minooka Fire Protection District strive to provide reliable emergency services, public education and awareness for our customers in a cost effective and responsible manner.



Home Fire Safety Inspections

We all think our homes are safe. But are they really? A fire can occur in any part of your home. Let us show you how to keep your family safe with a FREE Home Fire Safety Inspection. Make an appointment today! Call (815) 467-5637 ext. 113. Use this checklist to make a safety check of your home:

Smoke Alarms:

- Have you installed a smoke alarm in and outside every sleeping area and on each level of the home?
- Do you test your smoke alarms every month?
- Do you replace the battery (even on hard-wired alarms) at least twice a year?
- Is your smoke alarm over 10 years old? Replace it!

Fire Escape Plan:

- Does your family have a fire escape plan prepared?
- Is your escape plan posted and regularly practiced?
- Does each bedroom have TWO exits (door and window)?
- Do you have a meeting place outside in the front of your home that everyone knows to go and be safe?
- Are emergency response numbers posted for all family members to see?
- Do your children know their address?

- Can you see your house numbers from the street?
- Do you show your babysitter or caregiver your home escape plan and review 9-1-1 with them?

Fire Extinguishers:

- Do you have a UL approved A-B-C type fire extinguisher in your home?
- Do you take it out two times a year and shake it to keep the powder from settling at the bottom?

Heating and Cooling:

- If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it?
 - Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked yearly?
 - Is the filter for your forced air heater changed yearly and the venting cleaned?
 - Are furnaces and wood burning stoves in good repair and located away from combustible walls and ceilings?
 - Do you make sure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater, or fireplace?
 - Do your children keep a safe distance from flame and heat sources?
 - Do you use flameless candles? If not, do not leave lit candles unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room or going to bed.
- ### Electrical Hazards:
- Are appliances checked periodically for good operating conditions?
 - Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails?
 - Are electrical outlets overloaded?
 - Are you using UL approved power strips?

Save the date:

Babysitting Class
June 16
8a-3p

Kids Academy
June 19-20
10a-2p
Ages 9-12

Kids Advanced Academy
June 21-23
10a-2p
Ages 13-15

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Practice your plan

Once you have a fire escape plan in place, practice it with the whole family. It is very important that children practice their escape plans a couple times a year. Physically doing a drill helps them remember under stress.

Does your smoke alarm go off when cooking? Don't allow the children to ignore it. Have them do their fire drill. They are more likely to act appropriately if there was a real fire.