

SAFETY BULLETIN



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK:

"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out"

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Ironically, this Fire Prevention Week coincides with one of the deadliest and most destructive fires in California. The tips below may have helped keep many potential victims alive over the last few days in the Napa Valley area. Check your workplace and your home and make sure you are taking the necessary steps to stay safe. You can also visit the NFPA website for free resources.

AT HOME

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

AT SCHOOL

- Don't block or conceal exit doors, exit lights, electrical outlets, fire alarms or extinguishers
- Decorations and furnishings should be fire resistant (documentation)
- A maximum of 25% of walls can be covered with non-fire resistant decorations
- Decorations and flammable items cannot be within 4 feet from exits and corners
- No flammable decorations can be overhead (hanging)
- TRAIN ON FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE!

OTHER RESOURCES

Check out the Nation Fire Protection Association website: <http://www.nfpa.org>
There are tons of training tips and resources for teachers available for free.

For any questions regarding this Safety Bulletin, or requests for free onsite safety classes, please contact Kurt Walling, the Loss Prevention Manager for STSIG at kwalling@stsig.org, or 530-221-6444.

And remember: Stay Alert, Stay Alive!