



# Mobile Home Fire Safety

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Studies show that the number one cause of accidental mobile home fires is inadequate maintenance of the home's mechanical system. Carelessness and accidents are other frequent causes. Taking a few simple precautions can greatly reduce the risk of fire in your mobile home.

- ✓ Be sure your mobile home has a working smoke alarm. Test the batteries once a month, and change them twice a year.
- ✓ Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles, and wear short or tight-fitting sleeves while cooking.
- ✓ Keep a three foot clearance around space heaters. Never leave them on when you leave your home or go to bed.
- ✓ Don't overload electrical outlets. Mobile home fires are caused by problems in the electrical system twice as often as in traditional homes.

*Most home fires start between midnight and 6:00 a.m., when you're least prepared deal with danger.*



- ✓ Never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy. Use large, deep ashtrays and put water on cigarette or cigar butts before discarding them.
- ✓ Remove fallen leaves, pine needles and dead vegetation around the outside of your home. Maintain a clear space of 10 feet around liquid propane gas tanks.

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## EDITH: Exit Drills In The Home

Mobile homes are made of materials that ignite easily and burn quickly. As a result, the death and property loss rates are higher for mobile home fires than for other residential structure fires.

When a fire occurs in a mobile home, there's no time to plan an escape. Developing and practicing EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home) could save lives in the event of a fire.



**Three times as many people die in mobile home fires than in traditional home fires. For every 1,000 fires, 21 victims will die in mobile homes while fewer than 7 will die in one and two-family homes.**

**Create an escape plan for your home.**

Wherever possible, mark two ways out of each room.

**Agree on an outside meeting place.**

Pick an object or location close to your home but a safe distance from the fire.

**Hold fire drills at least twice a year.**

Make the drills realistic by creating and practicing different scenarios.

**When you're out, stay out.**

Once you've escaped a burning structure, don't go back for any reason.