



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.