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October is National Fire Prevention Month

October is National Fire Prevention Month. We have seen the results of the Napa Valley fire and experienced first hand the fires in our region that mark the end of summer. Please review the information below from the magazine *Property Casualty 360* for Risks and Risk Control measures you can take to minimize the hazard of home fires:

6 critical home fire escape planning tips

2 minutes to escape Experts say you may have as little as two minutes (or even less) to safely escape a typical home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

“Modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, all contribute to an increased rate at which home fires burn,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “These factors make home escape planning and practice critical.”

Common misperceptions

Meanwhile, a national survey recently conducted by NFPA shows that Americans continue to have many misperceptions around home escape planning and practice:

Less than half of Americans (48%) know that the correct components of a home fire escape plan include working smoke alarms, two ways out of each room and an outside meeting place.

Nearly one quarter of Americans (23%) do not know that each room in the home should have at least two exits.

Close to three in five Americans (57%) think that in a typical single-family home fire situation, once the smoke alarm sounds, the average person would have more than two

“Home is the place people are at greatest risk of fire, but ironically it’s the place they feel safest from it,” said Carli. “That over-confidence may contribute to the public’s continued lack of awareness around home escape planning and practice.”

http://www.propertycasualty360.com/2017/10/05/6-critical-home-fire-escape-planning-tips?slreturn=1509147035&page_all=1





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How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

<p>1</p>  <p>Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Find two ways out of every room.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Practice your drill with everyone in the home.</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>Get outside to your meeting place.</p>	

For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.

