

FIRE PREVENTION

A small fire can quickly turn into a big fire. Fire can be very dangerous if it is out of control. The heat from a fire can be deadly. Fire starts out bright but then turns to thick dark smoke. This dark smoke can kill you if you breathe too much in. Over 4,000 people die from fires each year in the United States and one person dies every two hours in the United States. Over 20,000 people get injured each year in United States from fires. There are ways to prevent fire both inside the home and outside the home. I am going to tell you some ways you can prevent a fire from happening.

Many people use fireplaces or wood burners to heat their home. If you have a fireplace or wood burner in your home here a few things to prevent a fire. Make sure to clean your chimney or check your wood burner every year. You should not have decorations or other things around your fireplace or wood burner that could easily catch fire. By having a mesh screen over the fireplace opening it will help to catch any embers that get out of your fireplace. You want to be sure that your fireplace or wood burner has good air flow. You should only use seasoned hardwoods for burning. Do not use cardboard or trash in your fireplace or wood burner. You should never leave the fire unsupervised. Make sure the fire is out before you leave your house or go to bed. Let the ashes cool down before you throw them away. Many people have a metal bucket or container that they put the ashes in. You should not leave the ashes close to anything that may catch fire. These are some ways to use your fireplace or wood burner correctly and to avoid a fire.

Many people like to have fires outside. They have outside fires for fun. Also, people have outside fires to burn trash and leaves. The first thing you need to do is to make sure you follow the local laws on outside burning. Some practical tips if you are having a recreational fire are to have a contained fire. You can use a fire ring or a fire pit with stones around it. Do not use lighter fluid to start your fire. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Keep the fire small and do not leave it unattended. Cool it down by putting water on it. Pour the water on slowly to make sure the embers are out. If you are burning trash or leaves use an approved container. Many people use a metal container or metal barrel with holes in the bottom. You should have a 10 foot clearing around your burning container. Even some leaves can catch on fire and create a forest fire. These are some ways to prevent fires right outside the home.

Many fires occur in the home or right outside of home. As a result many people are injured or die from these fires. It is important to take steps to prevent these fires. We can do this by making sure if we have a fireplace or a wood burner inside our home that we use them safely. Also, if you have outside fires you need to follow the burning laws made by your community.