

7. Stop, Drop, and Roll

If your clothes catch fire, don't run !
Immediately stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over and over to put out

8. Use Electricity Safely

If an electric appliance smokes or has weird smell, unplug it immediately and then have it serviced before using it again. Check the cord frequently to make sure that they are not cracked or frayed. If they are, replace them immediately! Do not overload outlets or extension cords.



9. Crawl Low

During a fire, smoke and hazardous gases rise with the heat. The air is cleaner near the floor. If you have to escape and you have to go through smoke, drop to the floor and crawl on your hands and knees to the nearest, safest exit. It is good to keep your head 12 to 24 inches from the floor.



10. Install Home Fire Sprinkler Systems

IF you install sprinklers in your home, the fire will be out over 96% of the time before the firefighters even arrive! They can be installed even after your home has been built!

10 Tips for Fire Safety



Clayton Fire Department



For Emergencies:

Call 911





1. Install Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are your first line of defense. They will alert you to the presence of smoke in your home and give you time to escape safely to safety, even if you are sleeping. The Clayton Fire Department recommends that you place a smoke detector in sleeping area and outside of the sleeping area. You need to test your alarms each month to ensure that the batteries are still working. Your alarm is only as good as its batteries! Replace alarms that are more than ten years old.



2. Make an Escape Plan

If a fire starts in your home, it is VERY important that everyone in your home knows how to get out fast! To prepare, sit down with your family and draw up an escape plan. Make sure that everyone knows of at least two unobstructed exits -

this can be through windows or doors - from each room. As a family, it is important that you decide on a meeting place that is in a safe place outside of your home. It is good to have a practice drill twice a year.

3. Keep an Eye on Smokers

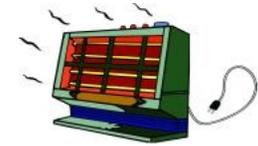
Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. You should never smoke in bed or when you feel drowsy. Ashtrays should be large, deep, and don't tip. Before going to bed or leaving the home after someone has been smoking it is good to check under and around cushions and furniture for smoldering cigarettes.



4. Careful in the Kitchen

You should never leave food on the stove unattended. Turn handles inward so you don't bump them and little children don't grab them. If a grease fire starts, slip a lid on the pan to put out the flames and remove it from the heat

source. Keep the lid on it until it has completely cooled.



5. Give Space Heaters Room

During the winter months, you may need to give a little extra heat to a room and a space heater will fill this need. It is a good practice to keep them 3 feet away from things that can burn, away from children and pets, and **NEVER** leave them on when you leave your home or got to bed.



6. Matches/Lighters are Tools and **NOT** Toys

In the hands of a child, matches or lighters can be deadly. Buy child resistant lighters and store them up high, out of the reach of small children. Teach your kids that they should only be used by adults or with adult supervision.