

MEET THE HELPERS

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Start your fire safety plan by gathering everyone who lives in your home. Walk through your home and discuss exits and escape routes. Test doors and windows to make sure there are no obstructions to exiting.
- Identify two ways to leave each room.
- Make sure your house/apartment number is visible from the street. If not, install or paint visible numbers so the fire department can locate your house.
- Talk to children about calling for help using 9-1-1. You may need to discuss the differences between dialing 9-1-1 on a cell phone vs. a landline. Be sure to stress the importance of calling 9-1-1 only if someone's life is in danger.
- Designate an emergency meeting location in your neighborhood like a light post, neighbor's yard or a mail box. Your meeting place should be in a safe location off the street.
- Install smoke alarms, inside and outside of sleeping areas. Regularly test and change batteries.
- Assign family helpers for any infants, young children or individuals with mobility limitations.
- Practice your fire safety plan twice a year by doing fire drills.

IN CASE OF A FIRE

If your smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately.

When you get out, stay out! Never go back into a burning building.

Call 9-1-1 for help.

Meet at your family's agreed upon emergency meeting location in your neighborhood.

Complete a headcount of family members. Do not go back in a burning building, report any missing family members to first responders.

Be sure to keep family members and pets out of the street so fire engines and police cars have easy access to your home.