

In Case Of A Fire

Protecting yourself and your family

- Install smoke detectors and familiarize your family with the sound of the alarm.
- Plan an escape route from your home. If possible, every room should have two escape routes.
- Remember that smoke and heat rise. When you encounter smoke, crawl on the floor where the air is cleaner.

Protecting your property

- Make sure your roof is constructed with fire resistant materials.
- Mark the entrance to your property clearly so that firefighters can easily locate your home.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your home.
- Landscape your yard with fire-resistant plants. Check with your local fire department or landscapers to determine which plants are safe. Clear all other vegetation up to at least 30 yards from your home.
- Make an inventory of your possessions to help facilitate the claim filing process if your belongings are damaged or destroyed. There are several products available for the task, including the I.I.I.'s free [Know Your Stuff](#) ^[1]® ^[1] [Home Inventory Tool](#) ^[1], that lets you create and manage a home inventory on any digital device or computer and securely store and access it online.

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