



Get Out! Stay Out!



The Richardson Fire Department recommends these safety tips for fire evacuations...

Know two ways out

Draw a diagram of your home. Make special arrangements for small children and people with disabilities.

Get out fast

Don't stop for anything. Don't try to take possessions or pets.

Install smoke detectors

You need smoke detectors outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.

Make an escape plan

If you plan and practice at least twice a year now, you and your family will know what to do in a real emergency.

In an apartment or office building

Always use stairways to leave the building. Never use an elevator during a fire.

Choose a meeting place

Everyone should gather at one meeting place outside, preferably at the front.

Don't go back, no matter what

Make sure everyone in your family knows that once they are out, they must not go back for any reason.

If you are trapped

Close doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around doors and cover vents to keep smoke out. Wait at a window and try to signal with a flashlight or light-colored piece of cloth.

Test every door before opening it

To make sure the door, the door knob and the space between the door and the frame is not hot. If it is, use a second way out. Always close doors behind you.

Expect the unexpected

Make sure everyone can unlock all locks and open all windows and doors quickly, even in the dark.

