

FIRE SAFETY 2025

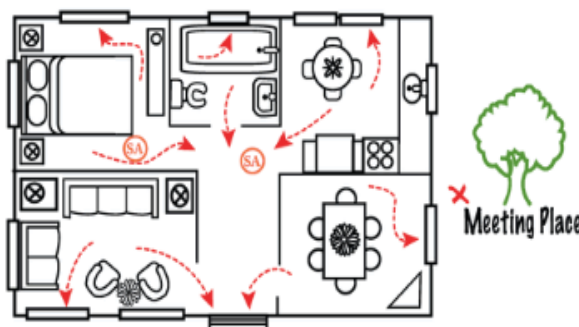


Join us **Saturday, OCT 4th** from **9 am to Noon**
For Petoskey Home Depot Kids Workshop
with a kick-off to **FIRE SAFETY** month



Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home
focusing on safe purchasing, use, and disposal of these batteries.

Join us for fire trucks, police cars, K-9 Unit,
Police Drone, EMS & the AirMed Helicopter !



Fire Safety Guide

<https://www.cnet.com/home/security/fire-safety-guide/>

Waking up to smoke and flames is one of the worst things that can happen to your family and home. In the late twenty-teens, Americans suffered over a million fires causing over 14 billion in losses and resulting in well over 3,500 deaths. These are very sad statistics when many may have been prevented if only more people had established fire escape plans and made sure their smoke detectors were in working order.

US fire departments respond to house fires approximately two times per minute! That's over 3,000 fires every day. There are a variety of causes, and many are preventable. One of the leading causes of house fires is unattended cooking, heating equipment, electrical malfunction, intentional fires and smoking materials.

Here are some steps you can take to reduce the chance of house fires:

- Install and maintain smoke alarms on every floor of your home and within every bedroom.

Roughly half of house fire deaths occur during the night, while people are sleeping.

- Never leave food cooking unattended, especially deep fryers and other frying equipment.
- Avoid using portable and fixed space heaters, as heating equipment is the second leading cause of house fire deaths.
- Create a fire plan to get everyone out of your home in less than two minutes to specified meeting spot. Then practice it so everyone knows what to do.
- Avoid smoking in the house.

Testing the smoke detector could save lives!

Smoke alarms should be checked regularly by pushing the "test" button and batteries should be changed whenever they "chirp". A great time to test them is when you change your clocks to Daylight Savings Time in the Spring and the Fall. Some of the biggest reasons for smoke alarm failure is missing, disconnected or dead batteries. The National Fire Protection Association estimates a major factor in fire deaths are because home smoke detectors were not in proper working order. You can purchase a smoke detector at Home Depot but make sure whatever alarm you choose meet the Underwriters Laboratories Standard with the UL label on the package.

How to use a fire extinguisher

Fire extinguishers are great for putting out small fires. There are several types, based on their classification for what they will be used to extinguish.

To use remember the word "**PASS**:"

- **P**ull the pin. Hold it with the end of the hose facing away from you then pull out the pin to unlock it.
- **A**im low. Spray the base of the fire first.
- **S**queeze the lever evenly and slowly.
- **S**weep back and forth with the hose.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention," visit www.fpw.org. Additional Fire Prevention Week resources for children, caregivers, and educators can be found at www.sparky.org and www.sparkyschoolhouse.org.

Sparky's Fire Safety Club allows kids to create a user profile and earn badges each time they complete a video, game, or activity. Kids have the freedom to earn all three badges at their own pace over time. The user profile and achievements pages help kids track their progress. Once kids receive all three badges, they become an official member of club and can download a certificate.

The fire and life safety information communicated through the badges reflects age-appropriate messages addressed in the [NFPA Learn Not to Burn®](#) educational curricula, including the importance of working [smoke alarms](#), how to create a [home fire escape plan](#) and practice it with all members of the household, as well as guidance around staying away from things that get hot, among other associated messages.



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Information on this flyer can be found at: <https://www.nfpa.org/>