



Home fires are one of the most common disasters--and also the most preventable.

PET SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and counter tops. Remove stove knobs or protect them with covers before leaving the house.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps and space heaters. Never leave them unattended around an open flame and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flame before leaving your home.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place. Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.
- Have working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Test your smoke alarm at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never delay escape or endanger yourself or family to rescue a pet. Once out, never go back inside.
- Help firefighters help your pets by keeping pets near entrances when away from home. Keep collars on pets and leashes at the ready in case firefighters need to rescue your pet.
- Affix a pet alert window cling and write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. Be sure to keep the number of pets listed on them updated.

PETS & WILDFIRES

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.

When you practice your escape plan practice with your pets. Train them to come when you call.



FACT:

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.