



Fire Marshal's Alert!

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Mandatory School Fire Exit Drills Save Lives

The Texas State Fire Marshal's Office wants you to know that:

- ✓ Fire exit drills teach students the proper procedures for escaping from a school fire. These drills may provide the *only* formal training in proper fire escape procedures during the rest of their lives.
- ✓ Properly conducted and documented school fire drills and fire safety education will save lives and may help lower local fire insurance rates.
- ✓ Principals and teachers should conduct the required fire exit drills in a serious manner and instruct the students in proper fire safety escape techniques.
- ✓ Local fire codes and state fire safety rules require monthly fire exit drills in all schools (public and private), grades K thru 12.
- ✓ All students, teachers and staff are required to participate in the monthly fire exit drills.
- ✓ Fire exit drills should be conducted at different times during the day and on varying days each month.
- ✓ Contact local fire officials for assistance in conducting monthly school fire exit drills.

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