

Pledge to Prepare

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM). It is a time to prepare yourself and those in your care for an unexpected emergency.

Prepare for a Fire Emergency

By preparing for a fire emergency, you can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Prepare and practice your fire escape plan twice a year with everyone in your household, including children and people with disabilities.
- If you live where wildfire is a threat, design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area.



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