

FIRE SAFE

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Fire safety is not just for us and our friends and family. This month, we are taking a look at how we can be Fire Safe with pets. In this guide, we provide messaging and tips to make your home safer for you and your four-legged friends.

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NOTABLE DATES

- **August 1** - World Lung Cancer Day
- **August 2** - National Night Out
- **August 7** - Purple Heart Day
- **August 9** - Smokey Bear's Birthday
- National Immunization Awareness Month

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

August 10, 2022

Pet Fire Safety and Preparedness

[Register Here](#)

August 24, 2022

Back to School - Working with the School Districts in Your Community

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Available Resources:

[Household Pet Evacuations Kit from NFPA](#)



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July 31 - August 6: Pet-proof your home

In many homes, pets are as much a part of the family as any other member of the household, and keeping these companions safe is a major priority. Pet owners can take a few simple steps to help prevent fires in the home that could potentially be caused by our furry friends.

Help your pets play a part in fire prevention.

Help curious pets avoid burns and potential home fires:

- Switch to flameless candles and never leave a lit candle unattended.
- Create a safety zone around backyard barbecues and fire pits.
- Electrical wiring can be a fire hazard in a home and a tempting source of entertainment for pets.
- Ensure electrical cables are secured and out of reach of pets.
- Create barriers to areas behind or between furniture that houses entertainment systems or other plug-in devices.
- Replace any chewed or otherwise damaged wiring.
- Avoid leaving your pet alone in an area where a space heater is being used.
- We know pets love to snuggle up next to a warm fireplace, so take a few steps to ensure their safety and yours.
- Create a three-foot zone away from the fireplace.
- Keep pets away from chimneys outside vent.
- Use a metal or heat tempered glass screen on the fireplace and ensure it stays in place.

NFPA Messaging: Pet-proof your home

- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- 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 three feet away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.



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August 7 - 11: Give it Some Space

Pets can be curious and have been known to bump into, turn on, and knock over cooking equipment and outdoor barbecues.

- Maintain a three-foot pet-free zone around all cooking areas and do not leave pets unsupervised in areas where food is being prepared.
- Remove access points that may assist the ability to climb onto counters and train pets to stay away from cooking surfaces.
- Installing child-safe knob covers to kitchen stoves may protect against burners being turned on accidentally.

NFPA Messaging: Pets and cooking safety

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.

August 14 - 20: Pet Home Fire Escape Planning

When preparing a home fire escape plan or wildfire evacuation plan, it's important to plan for ALL members of the family, including pets.

**In the event of a home fire, all people in the home need to get out as quickly as possible and stay out. Never go back in to look for pets.*

Steps to including pets in home fire escape planning:

- Identify where your pets spend most of their time. Where they sleep or are located in the house at night is important in planning their exit out of the house when an evacuation needs to happen quickly.
- Keep a leash or pet carrier in an easily accessible place, being mindful not to create a tripping hazard.
- Make sure all members of the house hold know the plan and what they are supposed to do when the smoke alarm sounds.
- If your pet is in the home when you've evacuated, wait for fire service to arrive and let them know the area of the home your pet is likely to be in and where they typically would hide.



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NFPA Messaging: Pet home fire escape planning

- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.
- 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.

August 21 - 20: Pet Wildfire Preparedness

Preparedness kits are not just for the humans in the house. Create an evacuation kit for your pets while you are building your own. When an immediate evacuation is necessary, having a plan and essential items prepared will help support a quick exit.

What to include:

- Special documentation such as pet health insurance policy, veterinarian information, vaccine records, microchip information, and any pet-specific documents.
- Leash, harness, and collars that include ID tags.
- Photos of your pet to help identify ownership in the event your pet goes missing.
- Pet food and water for at least three days for each pet and include feeding bowls.
- Waste bags
- Grooming supplies
- Toys
- Bedding/blanket

For a more detailed checklist visit [NFPA's Wildfire Preparedness for Household Pets tool](#) brought to you by Take Action- Teens for Wildfire Safe Communities.



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