

FIRE SAFE

OREGON FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION PLAN



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Every year, October is Fire Prevention Month. This is a month to focus on a topic and educate community members to be better prepared to prevent sparking a fire at home or work. It is also a time to learn and teach what to do if a fire does spark.

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NOTABLE DATES

- **October 9- 15** - Fire Prevention Week
- **October 10** - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- **October 28** - First Responders Day
- **October 31** - Halloween
- **Fire Prevention Month**
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

October 12, 2022

Tips for Fire Prevention with Adolescents

[Register Here](#)

October 26, 2022

Fire Prevention for Older Adults

[Register Here](#)

November 2-3, 2022

NFPA 1035 Youth Firesetter Intervention

Specialist Training

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Available Resources:

[OSFM Fire Prevention Month Resources](#)



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October 2-8: Plan, Practice, and Be Prepared with a Home Fire Escape Plan

Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared October to be Fire Prevention Month. 2022's focus is home escape planning. Home fires happen without warning and burn hotter and faster than ever, leaving people as little as two minutes to escape. Preparing, planning, and practicing a home fire escape can help keep your family safe during a home fire.

- Between 2017 and 2021, an average of 32 people died each year in Oregon home fires; that represents 60 percent of all Oregon fire deaths.
- Everyone should have a plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- Make a plan that includes knowing two ways out of every room.
- Install and maintain smoke alarms in the home, and make sure everyone knows what to do when the alarm sounds.

October 9 - 15: Plan a Home Fire Escape

- Draw a map of the home showing all doors and windows.
- Know two ways out of every room and two ways out of your home.
- Teach children to escape on their own, ensuring they can open windows, remove screens, and unlock doors.
- Include all house members in the plan. Consider everyone in your home, including children, elderly, and differently-abled people who may not be able to escape on their own or quickly.
- Identify an outside meeting place, in the front of the home, ensuring that everyone knows where it is.
- Teach household members how to call 9-1-1 making sure they know their address.



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October 16 - 22: Practice a Home Fire Escape

In the event of an emergency, it can be hard to remember what to do, but practicing the plan regularly will help all members of the home build confidence in their response. A home escape plan should be practiced at least twice a year.

- Push the smoke alarm to start the drill. Any time the smoke alarm sounds is a good time to practice the home fire escape.
- Encourage everyone to stop what they are doing, get low, and get out of the home.
- Remind everyone to close doors behind them as they leave.
- Go to the outside meeting place.
- Repeat this process using different ways out.
- In a fire, never go back inside for people, pets, or things.

October 23 - 29 : Be Prepared with a Home Fire Escape Plan

Home fires can happen day or night and without warning, so preparation is key. Preparing your home for a fire will help ensure early detection and a quick response. People in Oregon should be reminded to:

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas, and in each bedroom.
- Teach all house members the sound of the alarms. Chirping indicates batteries need to be changed or the entire alarm needs to be replaced. Beeps are a signal that the alarm detects smoke. Every time that the alarm beeps is a good time to practice the escape plan; get out quickly and go to the meeting place.
- Inspect all possible exits and escape routes in the home, ensuring all doors and windows open easily and are free of tripping hazards or other obstacles.
- Make sure street numbers outside the home are visible both day and night.
- Sleeping with bedroom doors closed may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.



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