Smoke Alarms, Cooking, and Escape Planning

Smoke alarms are important, life-saving devices.

- Smoke alarms do not have cameras and are not used for surveillance.
- Smoke alarms warn people if there is a fire. If you hear the alarm, leave the building immediately.
- Smoke alarms help keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe. Never disable a smoke alarm.



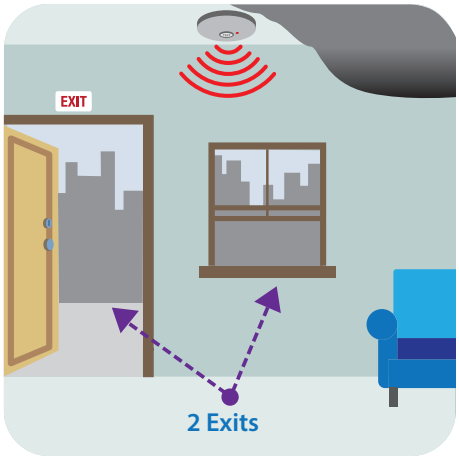
Cooking in a bedroom is dangerous because it could start a fire.

- Do not use hot plates, pressure cookers, slow cookers, or other electric cooking devices except in a kitchen.
- Bedding, clothing, and other materials can catch fire if they are too close to these items.
- If you do not have a kitchen, you may use a microwave to heat food.
- Plug the microwave directly into a wall outlet, not an extension cord or power strip.
- Do not put anything made of metal into a microwave.



Get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 if a fire starts.

- You could have less than three minutes to escape a fire.
- Have an exit plan for your building. Look for two ways out. One of these may be a window if you are on the ground floor. Set a family meeting place outside.
- Everyone in your family should know both ways out of the building and where to meet.
- If there is smoke, crawl on the ground where the air is clearer.
- Once you are outside, call 9-1-1 for help.



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