



A Smart Choice a Day Can Keep the Harm From a Fire Away

You're sitting in your home. You're enjoying a delectable dinner with your family. Everyone is talking about their day and having a wonderful time. Suddenly you hear a blaring siren and realize that a fire truck passed right by your house. Knowing that it wasn't your house, you start to think. What if it *was* my house? What *would* I do? Are there *really* ways to stay protected? I'm going to tell you about different safety procedures such as what to do if your clothes are on fire, and what to do if your house is actually on fire. These aspects are crucial to pay close attention to if you want to stay protected and safe.

There are many ways to stay protected and safe if there is ever a fire. One of which is what you should do first, call 911. If you have a fire extinguisher in your home then you can try to use it to put out the fire, but if it doesn't work, then you know that there is assistance on the way. Also, if there is a fire get low and get out of smoke. Breathing in the smoke can be very hazardous and harmful to your body. The best way to do this is to get on the floor and crawl using your arms. Another way to stay safe, is what to do if your clothes are on fire. If your clothes are on fire, you should stop, drop, and roll. Doing this smothers the fire and it is no longer able to get oxygen to grow bigger.

Those aren't the only ways to stay safe during a fire. Another way to stay is to have a meeting place outside your house. If you have a meeting place, then you know that everyone is out of the house. If you don't have a meeting place, then everyone could be anywhere outside the house and you wouldn't know if everyone was out or not. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year to make sure you have a working detector. Lastly, have multiple exits to get out of a building. If one exit is blocked by fire, go to another one. Never rely on just one exit if there is a fire.

Now, you are sitting in your home. It is after dinner and you and your family are all watching TV. You turn off the TV and begin to talk with your family. You tell them about fire safety. They pay close attention to you and ask questions about the topic. When you are done, both you and your family feel more educated about fire safety. Now that you know what to do if there is ever a fire, you can practice the procedures. Remember these procedures if there is ever a fire, and you and your family will stay protected and safe.