

**Keeping you Knowledgeable, Safe, and in Compliance!**



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Fire Protection Resource Library**

**A Volume From the Library**

**Fire Prevention**

The goal of fire prevention is to identify hazards so they can be minimized or corrected so that fires do not occur or have limited consequence. Fire prevention activities can include education and awareness, code enforcement, and fire/arson investigation.

Education and awareness activities can include training on smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, school fire prevention program, calling 911, escape plans, rehearsing exit drills with your family, stop-drop-roll training, general fire safety practices and the meeting place.

Code enforcement involves building codes and code enforcement that can lead to improvement in engineering.

Fire and arson investigation can impact code development, research processes, inspection procedures and fire/life safety education efforts.

If you or your department would like some training videos in any of these subject areas, check out these audiovisual items available in our library:

**[THE GREAT ESCAPE CHALLENGE](#)**

AV07-2120 Date Acquired: 6/25/2007 Length: 17:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA

This DVD program presents lifesaving information in a game show format that is suitable for the whole family. It covers the importance of smoke alarms and demonstrates fire escape procedures in two types of residential environments. It emphasizes the importance of practicing the escape plan and having a set meeting place for family members. A presenters guide accompanies the DVD. (2002) View sample video clip online <http://bit.ly/gxrv5A>

**[FIRE'S FURY](#)**

AV05-1897 Date Acquired: 8/16/2005 Length: 15:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA

This DVD shows the devastating reality of a candle fire. It tells the personal story of one family's narrow escape after a candle fire rages out of control and engulfs their home in smoke and flames. It emphasizes how a small fire can grow to life-threatening proportions in minutes, and the importance of smoke alarms in saving lives. It outlines the basics of a home escape plan and shows how an unattended candle or heat producing appliance can lead to major consequences. A presenter's guide accompanies the DVD, which can be used to promote the 2005 Fire Prevention Week theme--'Use Candles with Care'. (2005)

**[SMOKE ALARMS: A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH!](#)**

AV11-2482 Date Acquired: 4/21/2011 Length: 12:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA

NFPA®'s clever new Video mixes live footage and animation in a reality TV show format to make the case for smoke alarms. The action unfolds during an episode of the 'Fire Drill Show' in which Firefighter Jeff, the Drill Sergeant -- assisted by his animated Smoke Alarm Squad -- pays a visit to the Johnson family for a surprise fire safety and smoke alarm inspection and makeover. Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with! features a high-energy array of quizzes, family challenges, PSAs, plus a fire drill to offer a solid overview of fire safety, smoke alarm, and escape planning fundamentals including: How to handle nuisance alarms in the kitchen; The difference between photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms; Common fire hazards involving heaters, smoking, and cooking; When to replace smoke alarms; Where and how to install alarms; Interconnected smoke alarms; Alarm testing and maintenance; How to make and practice a fire escape plan. You'll be amazed at how many topics are covered in such a short amount of time -- and in such an entertaining way! (all ages, c2010) View a sample video clip online here <http://bit.ly/fEbzQs>

**[EMERGENCY EVACUATION: WHAT EVERY EMPLOYEE SHOULD KNOW](#)**

AV07-2118 Date Acquired: 6/22/2007 Length: 14:00 Format: DVD Author: NFPA

The buildings we work in are safer than ever before due to fire resistive construction, sprinkler systems and smoke and fire detection equipment. However potential for fires and other emergency situations exist in every workplace, so it is important for all employees to prepare for emergencies. Subjects covered in this program include: learning to take evacuation drills seriously, becoming familiar with egress routes, having an alternative evacuation route in case the primary route is blocked, knowing what to do when faced with smoke, understanding the perils of elevator usage during an emergency, and understanding the concept of R.E.D.--React, Evaluate, and Decide--when situations become dangerous. A guide for presenters accompanies the DVD. (2004) View sample video clip online <http://bit.ly/f7Pmqx>

**[PRE-INCIDENT & FIRE SAFETY SURVEYS](#)**

AV10-2465 Date Acquired: 10/6/2010 Length: 17:19 Format: DVD Author: ACTION TRAINING

This item presents the firefighter's role in fire prevention and preparedness. It demonstrates steps for conducting pre-incident surveys. It also identifies common hazards found in occupancies and shows how to inspect fire protection systems for readiness. Learning objectives include: the firefighter's role in prevention & preparedness; conducting pre-incident surveys; common fire hazards; fire protection systems; and residential fire safety surveys. (c2007, reflecting 2008 standards)

**[CONDUCTING BASIC FIRE INSPECTIONS](#)**

AV12-2582 Date Acquired: 2/14/2012 Length: 30:00 Format: DVD Author: FETN

Fire suppression activities are not the only way to combat fires: a well-planned and executed fire prevention and inspection program is a less expensive and more effective way to accomplish the goal of the fire service. The goal is, of course, to minimize the risk of fire and property loss from fire. By observing, making recommendations, and subsequently controlling or eliminating hazardous conditions, the inspector can make major strides toward accomplishing this goal before a fire occurs. Fire inspectors must have the confidence in their ability to meet the public, to make a favorable impression, and to judge conditions. (c. 2009, rel. 9/09) copy 2

**[FIRE INVESTIGATION](#)**

AV11-2512 Date Acquired: 8/2/2011 Length: 28:00 Format: DVD Author: EMERGENCY FILM GROUP

This training program presents the investigation of fires. It covers fire behavior, the role suppression activities play in fire spread, how to search the scene for point of origin, tools required, fuel sources, the source of ignition, interviewing hints, and documenting the investigation. This 1995 program has been transferred to DVD format. A guide book accompanies the DVD. (c2002) View sample video clip online <http://www.efilmgroup.com/Fire-and-Rescue/Fire-Investigation-Video.html?dnp=t>

**[FIRE INVESTIGATION](#)**

AV07-2095 Date Acquired: 6/15/2007 Length: 28:00 Format: DVD Author: EMERGENCY FILM GROUP

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