

If you live in an apartment you need to know how to get out quickly if a fire starts. Follow these steps to stay safe.



Building Fire Safety

Don't prop open exit or stairway doors. These are installed to slow the spread of heat and smoke if there is a fire.

Speak to your apartment manager if you see an inoperative light, missing fire extinguisher, or storage in hallway or stairs.

Stay Calm

In the event of a fire, stay calm. Move to the exit as you have practiced. Call the fire department once you are outside.

- If your door feels warm to the touch, do not attempt to open it. Call 9-1-1 and tell the dispatcher your apartment number and that you can't open your door.
- Stuff the cracks around the door with towels, rags, bedding, or tape. Cover vents. Wait at a window and signal for help with a flashlight or by waving a white cloth.

■ If your apartment door is cool to the touch, open it slowly. Stay low and check for smoke or fire in the hallway. If the hallway is safe, follow your building's evacuation plan.

■ Never use an elevator to escape a fire. Always use the stairs.



Be Prepared

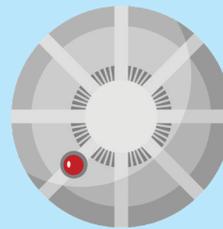
Create an escape plan. Discuss how you will get outside. Practice your plan.

- Know where all the exit doors and stairs are on your floor.
- Count and memorize the number of doors between your apartment and the stairwell exits.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan, then create and practice your from your own apartment. Your plan might include quickly grabbing your phone, keys and a coat.

Wait Outside for the Fire Department

Once you are outside, move away from the building. Give firefighters and fire trucks plenty of space.

- Stay outside. Do not go back inside for any reason.
- If you think someone is still inside, tell firefighters where you think they are.
- Wait until firefighters tell you it's safe to go back inside.



Your apartment has smoke detectors:

Avoid touching your smoke detector, it is connected to the fire alarm system and DOES NOT use replaceable batteries. The detector will activate in the presence of cigarette smoke, burnt food or if any aerosol sprays are used near it. Contact maintenance if your detector is dirty or needs serviced.

For more information about escape planning, visit:

www.usfa.fema.gov

On Today's Special Menu



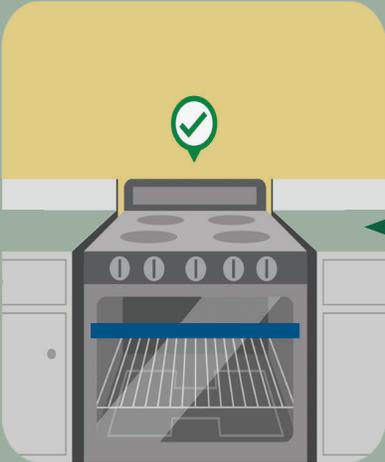
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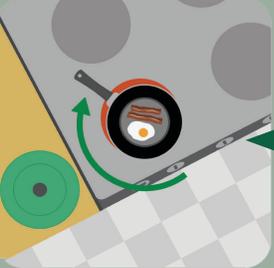


Keep stove free of combustibles.

Use a lid or baking sheet to cover a pan fire; don't move the pan.



Oven smoking? Turn it off, and keep the door closed.

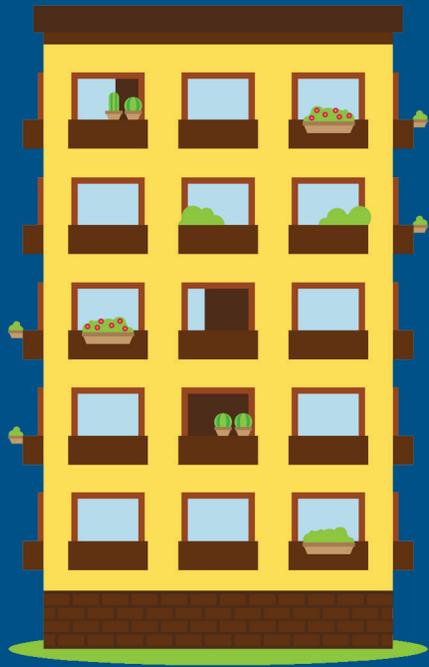


Turn pot handles inward. Use microwave if you are tired.



Apartment fire safety begins with a plan.

Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke.



Fire? Evacuate immediately, sound the alarm and call 911!