



Be Prepared!

To protect yourself and your family, create an escape plan in the event of a fire or gas leak in your home and practice it together. Learn two ways out of every room and agree on a meeting place outside.

If you find yourself in a fire, here's what to do:

- If you're in a room with a closed door, do NOT open the door if you see smoke under it.
- If you don't see smoke, check the handle. If it is hot, do not open the door.
- If you can open the door, and there is no smoke or heat, hurry to your planned exit.
- Stay low to the ground as you exit.
- If you can't get out right away, yell for help and call 911. Do NOT hide in a closet or under a bed.

Learn more at:
beburnaware.org and shrinershospitalsforchildren.org



Be Aware!

Energy companies add an unpleasant smell to natural gas and propane to help families identify dangerous leaks. You might notice a foul odor similar to sulfur, rotten eggs, a skunk's spray, or a dead animal.

Scratch and sniff the sticker below to learn what natural gas and propane smell like. If you smell this in your home, tell an adult and get out of the house right away!

Do not use lights, appliances, phones, or cell phones. These items can produce small flames or sparks that could trigger an explosion.

Run outside and call for help from a safe location.



Burn and Fire Awareness

Shriners Hospitals for Children offer some smart ways both adults and kids can prevent burns and fires:

- Install smoke detectors near each bedroom and at the top of each stairway.
- Treat matches and lighters as tools—not toys!
- Learn the smells caused by natural gas or propane leaks, which signal danger.
- Use electrical outlet covers.
- Never leave food unattended while cooking, and be sure to turn pot handles inward. Also remember to use oven mitts and pot holders.
- Store all chemicals and cleaners out of reach of children and/or keep those storage cabinets locked.
- Do not leave lighted candles unattended.
- Always supervise children in the bath to prevent scalding.
- Unplug electrical appliances when they're not in use.
- Do not place electrical cords or wires under rugs or in high-traffic areas.
- Have fireplaces and chimneys inspected every year before use.
- Have electrical wiring inspected professionally every ten years.

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