"To Provide For The Protection And Safety Of Our Citizens"

Dothan Fire Department
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Fire Chief Larry Williams
The laundry room has electrical appliances and is used to store cleaning products and chemicals. Good housekeeping is essential for safety here.

**Useful Links**
Check out these sites for more information on home safety and emergency preparedness.

- **State of Alabama Fire Marshal**
  firemarshal.alabama.gov

- **State Fire Prevention Campaign**
  turnyourattention.com

- **American Red Cross**
  redcross.org

- **State of Alabama EMA**
  ema.alabama.gov/preparedness/

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**Laundry Room**

- **POISON CONTROL**
  (800) 222-1222

- Keep electrical appliances away from water.

- Keep cleaners and chemicals out of reach of children.

- Clean your dryer’s lint filter after each use.
Kitchen & Cooking

Food left unattended is the leading cause of structure fires in Alabama. So pay attention in the kitchen!

A fire extinguisher should be kept close by (but not directly in) the cooking area. Only use the extinguisher if you are physically and mentally able to do so. Otherwise, GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

NEVER leave food unattended! Always supervise children in the kitchen and keep pot handles turned in.

KEEP BACK!

Keep stove top, oven, range hood and cooking area free from built up grease, dust and oil.

Keep combustible items such as cloths and paper towels away from cooking services.

Make sure kitchen appliances are clean and plugged directly into an outlet.
**Bedroom**
The highest risk for fire is at night while you are sleeping.

**BE PREPARED!** Make sure you have a working smoke detector in each sleeping area. Keep doors closed to slow the spread of smoke and fire.

- **BLOW OUT CANDLES** when leaving or before sleep.
- **DO NOT** sleep with any device charging under your pillow or on your bed.
- Keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from space heaters and be sure to turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

**SMOKE DETECTOR**

- Have a fire escape ladder for second floor bedrooms.

**Smoking in bed is very DANGEROUS!** **DO NOT** Smoke in bed!
Heating
Heating includes wall heaters, gas or electric appliances, fireplaces, or portable space heaters. Fires caused by heating increase during winter months.

TURN OFF ALL portable heating and extinguish any open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.

Chimneys and flues should be cleaned yearly.

ALWAYS use a screen in front of an open fire.

Children MUST be supervised near ALL types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between children and any heat source.

Make sure fuel & other combustibles are at least 3 feet away from fire or any other heat source.

KEEP BACK!

Ensure portable heaters are UL (Underwriters Laboratory) approved and are maintained and operated according to manufacturer’s instructions.
Electricity

Electrical devices such as multi-plugs, extension cords, and surge protectors are an increasing cause of fires. Make sure you know what you’re purchasing.

**ALWAYS** use UL approved devices and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

Be sure to use a licensed electrician to repair any damaged/ faulty electrical appliances, wiring, or equipment.

**DO NOT USE** extension cords for permanent wiring. Always check for damage and pinch points regularly during use.

**PAY CLOSE ATTENTION**

to family consoles, cell phones, and multiple other devices

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**NEVER** overload a surge protector!
**Fireworks**

Detonating fireworks within the city limits is **ILLEGAL!**

Leave it to the professionals.

**Grilling**

There’s nothing like outdoor grilling. Make sure to follow these tips to enjoy it safely.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.

After a display, never attempt to pick up leftover fireworks, they could still be active.

Be smart, be safe! Even a simple sparkler burns at **1200 DEGREES!**

**ONLY USE BBQ GRILLS OUTDOORS!**

Test gas tank hose annually for leaks and make sure connections are tight.

Make sure you are away from any structures and clear of any overhanging eaves or branches.

The Dothan Fire Department recommends 10 feet distance from any structure.
Smoke Alarms
A smoke alarm is the single most important thing you can have to increase your chances of surviving a house fire. Only WORKING smoke alarms save lives!

Every 10 years:
ALL smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Use only
UL approved alarms and install them in every sleeping room and outside sleeping areas on EVERY level of your home.

If possible, have your alarms interconnected by a licensed electrician for best protection.

Risk of death in reported home fires is halved in homes with smoke detectors.
85% of U.S. fire deaths occur in homes.
One home fire occurs every 65 seconds in the U.S.

City of Dothan Residents
CALL 615-FIRE (3473) for a free smoke alarm installation.

Every month:
Test your smoke alarms by pressing the button and listening for the BEEP!
Home Escape Plan
It is vital that you know what to do if a fire occurs. Follow these rules to plan how you would escape a fire in your home.

FIRE! GET OUT!
Get down low and stay under the smoke. Call out to others on your way out.

If possible, close doors to slow down fire spread.

REMEMBER GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

Having a home escape plan is ESSENTIAL to your family’s safety. DEVELOP your plan together and practice it as a family!

CALL 911 from your cell phone or a neighbor’s phone.

Meet at a designated safe place, such as the mailbox in front of your home.
Make your own Home Escape Plan
Use this space to sketch out your escape routes in case of an emergency.

REMEmBER:
Practice your plan together as a family in daylight and at night.

Use the space below to create your home fire escape plan.

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with SA. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

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