

FIRE EVACUATION TIPS!

COMPLETE the attached registration card and return it to the Chicago Fire Department.

LIVE on the first floor, near an exit for easier and quicker evacuation, if possible.

SLEEP on the 1st floor, if you live in a two-story home.

MODIFY your home or have ramps made for escape. **Contact MOPD for more INFORMATION.**

Write 9-1-1 down near your phone.

Keep a flashlight, whistle, signal towel and phone near your bed.

OUTSIDE ADDRESS should be visible and clear to read.

BUDDY WITH SOMEONE; tell a family member, neighbor, or aide of your evacuation plan and your "meeting place."

INSTALL or ask owners to install a U.L. approved Strobe Smoke Detector if needed.

MAKE A SIGNAL SYSTEM WITH NEIGHBORS.
(Example: **RED FLAG** meaning **FIRE!**)
(Example: **WHITE FLAG** meaning **HELP!**)

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**DOES NOT
DISCRIMINATE
AGAINST PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES**
Be Prepared!

ATTACHED: CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION CARD



10 STEPS TO FIRE SAFETY

1. SMOKE DETECTORS

- The LAW states one on every floor, within 15 ft. of bedrooms.
- Install in bedrooms for earlier warning.
- Check them monthly.
- Change batteries twice a year when you change your clocks.

2. PLAN AN ESCAPE

- Have a plan of action! Take into account your disability.
- Place a written plan on your refrigerator and review it.
- Pick a “Meeting Place” and tell someone where they can find you in case of fire or emergency!
- Keep a flashlight, whistle, phone and/or towel for signaling out windows near your bed.

3. CLOSE BEDROOM DOORS WHEN SLEEPING

- A close door keeps out fire and smoke up to 15–20 minutes.

4. GET OUT!

- Don't waste time grabbing valuables.

5. KNOW TWO WAYS OUT

- Have a plan.
- Know all exits out of the building.

- Try out two exits to see if they are accessible to you.
- Never use elevators; they may lead you to the fire floor.

6. CRAWL OR GET DOWN LOW

- Crawl on the floor to get out when you hear the alarm.
- If you can't crawl, get as low as possible. Clean, good air is nearest the floor.

7. DOORS ARE FIRST, WINDOWS ARE SECOND

- First feel the door with the back of your hand. If it's not hot, go out this way.
- If the door is HOT, use windows as a second exit. Climb out if on the first floor.

8. GO TO THE “MEETING PLACE”

- If you are unable to leave the building go to the designated “Meeting Place” such as the Fire Safe Stairwell.
- Keep yelling, making noise, or blowing a whistle until someone rescues you or reassures you that you're safe.

9. CALL 9-1-1

- Call 9-1-1. Give your exact location and state your disability.
- If you are deaf or can't speak, leave the receiver OFF the phone. The line will be traced and help will be sent.

10. PRACTICE, PRACTICE PRACTICE!

- Practice your plan!
- Count doors or stairs to familiarize yourself with your exit areas.
- Remember to PRACTICE ESCAPING TWO WAYS OUT!

FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

IF YOU CANNOT GET OUT OF THE BUILDING WITHOUT HELP:

- Keep all doors closed between you and the fire.
 - Call 9-1-1 and give your exact location.
 - Cover vents to prevent smoke from coming in.
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 - Stuff door cracks with blankets to keep smoke out.
 - Go to the window and stay there.
 - Yell FIRE! Blow a whistle.
- MAKE NOISE!**
- Wave a towel, pillowcase, anything for attention.

**CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION CARD**

TYPE OR PRINT INFORMATION AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Name _____

Address _____ **Zip Code** _____

Apartment # _____ **Floor #** _____

Phone (Voice/TTY) _____ **Age** _____

(Please include area code)

Disability _____ **Wheelchair** _____ **Walker** _____ **Crutches** _____

Deaf _____ **Blind** _____ **Oxygen** _____ **Ventilator** _____ **Other** _____

**SO THE CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN BETTER SERVE YOU,
COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION CARD ON THE OTHER SIDE.**

DETACH AND MAIL TO:

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THE CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE AWARE OF YOUR DISABILITY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.