



VACATION FIRE SAFETY TIPS

If you're planning a vacation and your home will be empty, you can go away with a freer mind and less worry if you check your home before leaving.

Here are some prevention tips for your home:

- Check to make sure that all stoves and electrical appliances have been turned off or disconnected.
- Unplug all television sets and radios. Lightning storms or sudden electrical surges could cause a fire in this equipment.
- When you return from your vacation, check your smoke detector to make sure it is functioning. Batteries could run down or other components could fail while you're away.

Here are some safety tips for hotels and motels:

- When you are traveling away from home and staying in a motel or hotel, it is important to know survival actions in case there is a fire.
- Select a hotel or motel that, at a minimum, has a smoke detector installed. It is preferable to select lodging that also has fire sprinkler systems in place. If you must stay in a facility without smoke detectors or sprinklers, request a room on the first or second floor.
- When you first get in your room, read the fire safety information provided. It is usually posted near or on the back of the entry door. Locate the 2 nearest exits from your floor.
- Make sure the fire exit doors work and are unlocked. Locate the nearest fire alarm and read the operating instructions.
- If you hear the fire alarm sound or suspect a fire in the hotel, investigate, but don't go back to sleep. If you see fire or smoke, call the hotel desk and the fire department immediately.
- Tell the person who answers the phone what room you are in.
- If you hear the fire alarm, check the door with the back of your hand. If it is cool, slowly open the door and exit. If the door is hot or warm, leave it closed and stay in the room.
- Call the fire department and tell them you are trapped in and give them the room number.
- If the door is not hot and the hallway is not smoky, go to the closest fire exit.
- Be sure to take your room key with you.
- Crawl low under smoke down the hallway to the fire exit. Use a wet cloth over your nose and mouth.
- As you exit, pull the nearest fire alarm to warn other occupants, then leave the building
- If a fire starts in your room, leave immediately and close the door behind you to confine the fire.
- Never use an elevator under fire conditions. Always take the stairs when exiting from a high-rise building.

Safety Information for our Community



For more information please visit our website
www.bendoregon.gov/fire

Or contact the Bend Fire Department

(541) 322-6309

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