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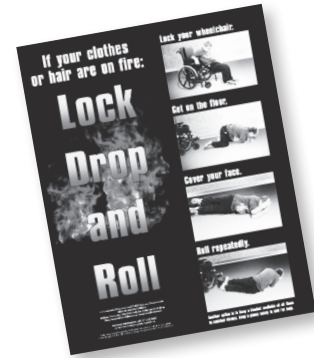
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A Quarterly News Letter From All-Ways Accessible (AWA)

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Each quarter, when we produce our newsletter, we look for information and themes that our readers will find interesting and informative. This quarter, as cooler weather fast approaches, we have decided to dedicate this newsletter to fire safety. As a result of rising fuel prices, more and more people have turned to wood and wood products to heat their home. This in turn leads to a greater fire risk in the home. People with disabilities

are at an elevated risk due to their mobility site and hearing limitation. In addition to the information provided here in our newsletter, if you visit our web site at www.AWALifts.com, there is a list of articles and guides that you can download directly.



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The First Smokey Poster



SMOKEY SAYS—
Care will prevent
9 out of 10 forest fires!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMOKEY BEAR AUG 9TH

Created in 1944, the Smokey Bear campaign is the longest running public service campaign in history. Smokey's first forest fire prevention message remained unchanged for 50 years until April 2001, when the Ad Council updated his message to address the increasing number of wildfires in the nation's wildlands. As one of the world's most recognizable fictional characters, Smokey's image is protected by US Federal Law and is administered by the USDA Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters and the Ad Council

WHAT IS SAFE ESCAPE?

Safe Escape is part of a federal grant program funded by the US Department of Homeland Security to offer families of children with health care needs or disabilities education, information, and access to products to prepare for safe escape during emergencies.



For more information, visit www.escapesafe.org

PLAN, PREPARE, AND PRACTICE THE THREE "P"'S FOR A SAFE ESCAPE

A few examples of special "evacuation equipment".



Figure 1

Figure 1 The Evac Chair –
Emergency Stairway Evacuation System

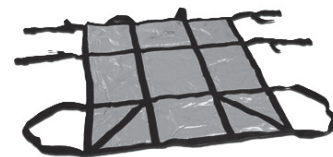


Figure 2

Figure 2 The Pakkie Mobility Sling - Allows for fast and safe evacuation of children or adults unable to move themselves from emergency situations to a safe place

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NFPA Fire Safety Tips

In 2006, there were 1,642,500 fires reported in the United States (up 3% from 2005). These fires caused 3,245 civilian deaths, 16,400 civilian injuries, 89 firefighter deaths, and \$11.3 billion in property damage. Many home fires are preventable.

- **Watch your cooking**
Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- **Give space heaters space**
Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **Smoke outside**
Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- **Keep matches and lighters out of reach**
Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- **Inspect electrical cords**
Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.
- **Be careful when using candles**
Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

- **Have a home fire escape plan**
Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- **Install smoke alarms**
Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- **Test smoke alarms**
Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm “chirps” to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- **Install sprinklers**
If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers. Sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive.

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