

FIRE SAFETY



Fire can be a very useful tool. When we are camping, we use it to keep us warm at night, cook our food and, at times, dry our clothes.

At home, we use fire in many of the same ways. Fireplaces and gas heaters keep our homes warm, while stoves and ovens provide heat and flames to cook our meals.

But fire can also be very dangerous. It is very important to learn and practice good fire safety rules.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. _____ **Learn about fire safety at home and while camping.**
2. _____ **Create a fire escape plan for your home and one for your corps where the Adventure Corps meets.**
3. _____ **Visit the local fire department.**
4. _____ **Service Project - Evaluate fire safety at your corps.**
5. _____ **Discover God's safety rules.**

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Leader's Signature

REQUIREMENT #1 - Fire Safety at Home

Fires are a main concern in home safety. They rank second behind falls as the most common accidents occurring in the home. That is why we should do our best to prepare for and prevent fires in our homes.



Unscramble these words to find two items that should be in every home:

RIFE GINXETRESIUH _____

KEMOS ROTTECDE _____

Explain each of the following home fire safety rules to your leader:



- Keep matches out of the reach of children.
- Don't play with matches.
- Test smoke detectors regularly.
- Check fire extinguishers regularly.
- Keep papers and trash away from heaters and stoves.
- Make sure all fireplaces have screens in front of them.

Can you think of any other rules that should be added to this list?

Fire Safety in the Campground

Fire safety while camping is just as important as when you are at home. Brush, shrubs and trees can quickly catch fire and destroy acres of plant and animal life. **Here are a few points to remember about fires while you are camping:**

- Follow all the rules of your campsite.
- Make sure all burnable materials are at least ten feet away from your fire.
- Never leave your fire unattended.
- Always have water near the fire in case of emergency.
- When you are finished with your fire, make sure it is completely put out. Spread the ashes and coal and pour water on them until they are damp and you are positive the fire is out.

REQUIREMENT #2 - Fire Escape Plans

If your house is on fire, you need to get out! Do not worry about taking anything with you, just get out of the house as quickly and safely as possible. Fire escape plans will help you to do just that. By making your own fire escape plan, you will know exactly what to do and where to go if a fire should occur.

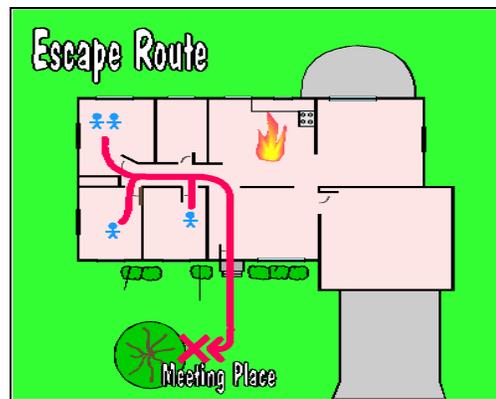
Meet with your family members and design a fire escape plan for your home. Your plan should include the following:

- A drawing of your home's layout with escape routes marked.
- More than one exit from the home - a fire may have some exits blocked.
- A meeting place outside the home where everyone is to gather - a safe distance from the home.

Practice your escape plan with your family and present your plan to your Adventure Corps leader.

Group Activity

With your Adventure Corps section, develop a fire escape plan for the corps or the place where you hold your Adventure Corps meetings. Present this plan to the corps officer. Practice it.



REQUIREMENT #3 - Visit the Local Fire Department

Visit your local fire department and take a tour of the station. Ask a fireman to speak to your section regarding fire safety and to show the group some of the equipment they use to fight fires.

REQUIREMENT #4 - Service Project

Fire Safety at the Corps

With your Adventure Corps section and leader, tour your corps building and evaluate the fire safety issues and rules you have learned in this emblem. Make sure to check and service all smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Look for frayed wires and potential fire hazards. With the help of your leader, develop a fire safety plan for your corps.

REQUIREMENT #5 - God's Safety Rules

We have made specific rules for fire safety. God has also made specific rules for us to live by so we can stay close to Him. When we live by these rules, we are safe in God's love.

Re-write the ten commandments in your own words (Exodus 20:2-17):

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