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FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET



Fire Safety at your Home Away from Home

Protecting your family from fire requires advance planning for what to do if fire strikes. Fire safety is important, even when you are away from home.

Many people enjoy renting homes or apartments for vacations and other trips. These rentals are not regulated like hotels and motels. You should practice home safety in rentals just like you do at home.

Always keep life safety measures in mind in the unlikely event that you encounter fire!

Be sure:

- Ø Everyone knows the address of the rental.
- Ø You can call emergency services without the use of your cell phone. Some parts of VT lack good cell coverage.
- Ø Everyone knows two ways, out of every room and out of the rental if there is an emergency.
- Ø There are working smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the rental.
- Ø There are working carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the rental.
- Ø You can open all doors and windows that lead outside.
- Ø If you hear an alarm react immediately. Once you have evacuated from a building, never go back inside for any reason. Wait for the "All Clear" has been given from the Fire Department.
- Ø You choose an outside meeting place a safe distance from the rental.
- Ø Everyone knows where to find a first-aid kit and a Portable fire extinguisher.
- Ø If smoking is allowed, a smoking area has been designated outside and is well away from the structure.



This sheet is designed to provide fire safety information to enhance the safety of Vermonters. This information sheet is an overview and is not an all-inclusive list of state laws or additional code requirements that may apply. This educational resource sheet does not carry the force of legal opinion and was developed by the Vermont Division of Fire Safety- Public Education & CRR Section with information from our fire safety partners including the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the US Fire Administration.

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