



October is Fire Prevention Month

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, in 2019, there were 1,291,500 fires reported nationwide resulting in 3,704 Deaths, 16,600 injuries, and over \$14.8 billion in loss. New York was 1 of 3 states that led the nation in number of fire deaths.

Each year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) celebrates National Fire Safety Month in October with Oct. 7th-13th being national fire prevention week and Oct. 13th being National Home Fire Drill Day.

SAFETY ALERT!



Common Causes for Fires



Unattended Cooking Fires & Heating Sources



Overloaded or Improperly Grounded Electrical Circuits



The Improper Use & Discarding of Smoking Materials

Fire Prevention Strategies

Is your workplace or home fire proof?
No! But here's what you can do to prepare!

- Educate and talk with your family about fire safety and its importance
- Test alarms monthly
- Change batteries or upgrade to 10-year sealed battery alarms
- Recharge fire extinguishers, and know how to use them
- Develop and review escape plans, then rehearse and practice

Safety Tools & Resources

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[The New York Army National Guard Safety Webpage](#)



[The Army National Guard Safety Website](#)



[Is your command compliant? Initiate a Command Safety Assessment](#)



[The United States Army Combat Readiness Center Website](#)



[The future of Safety Reporting and Statistics for the Army](#)



[Create & Manage your deliberate risk management worksheets online](#)

Safety Joke of the Month

Although they say, "safety is no laughing matter," with effective control measures implemented – it can be!

Safety Says:

In the event of a fire: leave the building before writing about it on social media!



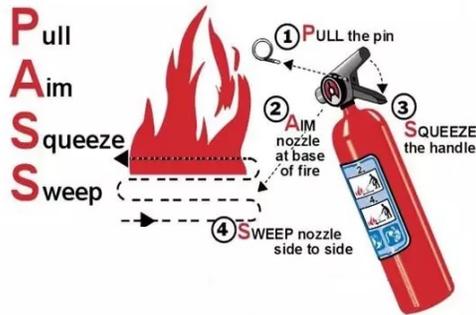
This month's Safety joke was submitted by:
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If you are interested having your Safety joke published, please submit your joke and contact information to LTC Alexander Prezioso at: alexander.prezioso.mil@army.mil

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

KNOW Your Extinguisher USE & OPERATE the Correct Extinguisher

To operate an extinguisher:



CLASS OF FIRE	TYPE OF FIRE	APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHER
A Ordinary Combustibles	Wood, paper, cloth	Type A; Type A-B
B Flammable Liquids	Gasoline, paints, oils, grease	Type A-B; Type B-C; Type A-B-C
C Live Electrical Equipment	Electrical wiring, fuse box	Type B-C; Type A-B-C
D Combustible Metal	Metals	Bucket of Sand
K Commercial Cooking Equipment	Commercial cooking oil appliances	*Wet Chemical

Fire Escape Plans

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows, and locations of fire extinguishers. Ensure evacuation routes are marked on the map.
- Visit each room, and find two ways out (if possible)
- Ensure all windows and doors can open easily. But also lock properly for security reasons.
- Ensure each room has a smoke detector. Test each device monthly.
- Choose a rally point / meeting place outside. Should be in front of your home in a safe location away from traffic or other hazard areas.
- Make sure your home/building number can be seen from the road.
- Have a portable fire escape ladder for upper floors of your home
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home, and practice your home fire escape drill!

On/Off Duty Fire Prevention Mitigations



Test Smoke Detectors



Look for Hazards at Work & Home



Reduce Clutter at Work & Home



Develop & Rehearse Exit Plans



Space Heaters Need Space



Use Designated Smoking Areas



Never Smoke While Drowsy



Clean Lint Traps & Screens



Never Leave Cooking Unattended



Smell Gas? Get Out!

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