



FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM

“An Ounce Of Prevention Is Worth A Pound Of Cure”.

Famous words that mean a lot to the fire service.

The Fire Prevention program in Loyalist Township involves teaching fire safety to all schools, day cares and to the older adults (the Older & Wiser program). We also deliver training to nursing homes and any local businesses that require it.

Seven Out Of Ten Fires Occur In The Home.

Plan Your Escape:

- Draw a floor plan of your house. Show all possible exits from each room.
- Be sure to have two (2) ways out of every room, especially bedrooms. Most fatal fires happen at night when people are asleep.
- Make sure that everyone can unlock all locks and open all windows and doors quickly and easily.

Practice Your Plan:

- Conduct a fire drill at least twice a year. In a real fire, you must be prepared to move quickly and without confusion. So take your time doing the drill.
- Practice the drill from different rooms in the house. Vary the type and location of the fire.
- After the drill, discuss the positives and negatives of the drill and what improvements could be made.

Getting Out:

- Make sure that everyone knows that if they hear a smoke alarm or someone yelling fire, that they leave the house immediately.
- Do not try to take anything with you. Once outside the house, call the fire department from a neighbor's house.
- Be sure to have a meeting place outside, preferably near the front of the house where the fire department will arrive.
- Once out of the house, do not re-enter the building for any reason.

If You Are Trapped:

- Stay close to the floor. The heat and smoke will rise. The cleaner fresher air will be near the floor.
- Close the doors between you and the fire. Stuff clothes or bedding around the cracks in the door and over vents to prevent smoke and gases from entering the room. If there is a phone in the room, call the fire department. Wait at the window to signal the fire department when they arrive.