

High-Rise Fire Safety

In the event
of a fire...
your

First

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Response
should be to call the
fire department and
go to the nearest

Exit

Stairway



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Smoke Alarm Features Escape Test You

is the real killer in most fires

- If you smell smoke, call the fire department and activate the nearest pull-station at once.
- Smoke rises. Stay low in smoke.
- If you can't escape, use wet towels or tape to seal the door and any room supply vents.
- Open a window, but **don't break it**. You may need to close it if smoke enters from fire on a lower floor.
- Above all, **STAY CALM.**

Don't depend on someone else to call the fire department. They may be depending on you to do it.

- The building alarm system, in most cases, reports directly to the fire department. Don't take a chance, though.
CALL.
- Find and display the fire department's telephone number near your phone.
- Always call the fire department, even if you think the fire is out.

in every building provide a degree of built-in fire safety.

- Know the location of at least two exits. Exit signs should direct you to exit stairs, never an elevator.
- Advise those in charge if you find locked or blocked exits, smoke doors wedged open, trash or other materials stored in exits, missing or empty fire extinguishers.
- Attend fire safety training sessions where provided by building management.

Plan two ways out of the building. Plan what you will do if you can't escape.

- Locating the exits is the **first** thing to do in an unfamiliar building.
- Many buildings are required to post exit plans. Be familiar with them.
- In case of fire, **never use elevators**. Go to the nearest stairs.
- Listen to and follow any key PA announcements.
- Remember, the safest escape plan may be to stay where you are.

your planned escape.

- In apartments, develop and practice a family escape plan.
- In an office building, hold fire drills at least once every six months. If your office has recently relocated, hold fire drills more frequently — every three months for the first year or until all are familiar with the new location.
- In a hotel or motel, take a few moments before retiring to check the location of the nearest exits.

should take a personal interest in fire safety.

- The most modern, well designed building can still have a fire in it, especially if there is no fire sprinkler system.
- Practice good housekeeping and be fire safety conscious.

**Use common sense.
Remain calm.**

Remember...others may be counting on...

YOU.