



Weekly Safety Meeting

Fire Prevention Month

October is traditionally “Fire Prevention Month.” Since 1922 the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has been instrumental in helping with this effort by naming the second week of October as “Fire Prevention Week” to recognize the horrific Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

The goals of this commemorative event have been to raise fire safety awareness and help protect homes and families from the potential of a terrible fire by encouraging each family to take effective precautions against fire.

Installing Reliable Protection

It is important to install reliable fire protection equipment and be proactive in keeping your loved ones as safe as possible from a fire or a carbon monoxide emergency.

According to the National Fire Protection Agency:

- Almost 3 of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Cooking left unattended is the #1 cause of home fires.
- A fire department is responding to a fire every 23 seconds in the United States of America.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Carbon monoxide is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the United States of America.

Be Proactive to Assure Home Safety

Take time this month to think about this special subject and practice whole home safety, so you are prepared not only for this month but for the whole year.

- Have functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed throughout your home as a first line of early defense;
- Install Smoke and CO alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, as well as inside and outside each bedroom for whole home protection;
- Maintain alarms by testing them regularly, changing the batteries every 6 months and replacing alarms at least every 10 years;
- Provide fire extinguishers to help stop small fires from causing more damage and keep them easily accessible on every level of the home, especially in areas like the kitchen and garage; and
- Ensure everyone knows how to operate a fire extinguisher before needing to use one.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND FAMILY?

Safety Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Supervisor:	Subject:
Location:	Date:
Conducted By:	Trainer Signature:

Name (print clearly)	Signature	Comments / Safety Concerns / Training Requests