



Do You Have a Fire Safety Plan?

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In today's fast-paced society, fire safety in the home and at work is rarely thought of. One hears and reads about many incidents that occur. Despite statistics, a large number of people often take their personal safety for granted. Many believe that the odds that anything will happen to them are low.

A recent article demonstrates the danger of taking alarms for granted. In the story, an occupant recalled hearing a fire alarm in his building. He thought it was just another false alarm or a fire drill. Minutes later he heard loud banging noises from the floor above and decided to look over the balcony. He saw fire trucks in the parking lot. Accordingly, the occupant and his family safely made their way down the stairwell. Once they were outside, they noticed that the suite above theirs was on fire; a huge plume of smoke was billowing out. The occupant's concluding statement was, "I learned a lesson; I'll not brush off fire alarms so easily in the future." This demonstrates how important it is for building occupants to become aware of their surroundings, and to make note of the established evacuation mechanisms and instructions to be followed in the event of a fire emergency. All occupants must become familiar with the means of egress and standard evacuation procedures.