



# City of Hanford Fire Department

## General Fire Safety

1. If you can extinguish the fire, do so thoroughly. Grab a fire extinguisher and remember the phrase PASS: Pull the pin, aim at the base of the flames, squeeze the handle, and sweep from side to side until the fire is extinguisher.
2. If you cannot extinguish the fire, get to safety, and call for help. Once you are safely away from the fire, call 911.
3. Crawl beneath the smoke to the nearest exit. Fire produces smoke and poisonous gases that can cause lightheadedness or loss of consciousness if inhaled.
4. Check doors and doorknobs for heat with the back of your hand. If they are warm to the touch, there could be a fire burning on the other side, so don't go through it.
5. If you get trapped inside, cover all door cracks and vents with whatever you can find. If you can wet the fabric down, do so.
6. If your clothes are on fire, stop immediately, drop to the ground covering your face with your hands, and roll back and forth on the ground until the fire extinguishers.
7. Test smoke detectors monthly.
8. Replace the battery at least once every six months. If the alarm makes a chirping sound, replace it immediately.
9. Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.
10. Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom, in common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove and less than 12 inches from the ceiling, away from windows, doors, and ducts. Carbon monoxide (CO) is and invisible, odorless gas and can kill you. Anything in the home that burns fuel can potentially become a source of Carbon Monoxide.

11. CO alarms should be installed in the central location outside in the main sleeping hallway on every level of the house.
12. The safety tips for CO detectors mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them, and interconnect them, if possible.
13. Make sure your gas appliances such as fireplaces, dryers, stove, and furnaces, are free and clear debris.
14. No matter the type of grill you use, always use it outdoors in a well-ventilated area, keep children and pets away from the grill, all grills should be at least 10 feet from any structure.
15. Burn safety- All burns should be run under cool water, covered with clean dry cloth burn cream applied, if swelling or blisters occur go immediately to the hospital.
16. Remove clothing and jewelry from infected areas. If the burn area is bigger than your palm go to the doctor immediately.
17. Have an emergency evacuation plan and practice it with your family as well as pets.
18. Always know two ways out of your home in case of emergency
19. Make sure your address is visible and has contrasting colors from the home.
20. If you have a pool a fence should be around the pool with a self-locking gate.
21. Clear weeds, large piles of debris, wood, and debris piles away from the structure or off the property to avoid a possible fire.

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If you have any questions, please call the Fire Prevention Department at (559)585-2594 or email the fire prevention department at [fireprevention@cityofhanfordca.com](mailto:fireprevention@cityofhanfordca.com)