Survive Alive
Fire Education Center

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PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THEIR TRIP TO THE SURVIVE ALIVE HOUSE

Before going on the field trip, show your child where the smoke detectors are in your house. Press the 'test' buttons to make sure that they are working. If your family does not have a working smoke detector, please purchase one at a store. If you are unable to purchase a smoke detector, call 286-8980.

WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

Teach them their home address. This is a very important skill. Many calls today are made from cell phones. Having an exact address to respond to will ensure that emergency personnel get to you as quickly as possible. Knowing how to read the numbers on a house and the street sign is very helpful, especially if you are not at home when calling 911.

Talk to children about their escape plans. Sleep with bedroom doors closed. Your child should try their door first. If the fire blocks the door, the children will need another way out. Make sure children can open their window.

Talk to your child about the family's meeting place. The meeting place should be outside near something that doesn't move, such as a light pole, tree or neighbor's porch. Children should be able to get to their meeting place safely by themselves.

Tell your child what phone you will use to call the fire department. Explain that you should escape from the building first, and then call 911. Let them know which neighbors they can get help from.

Escape plans should include babies and other people that need extra help. Most cats and dogs will escape by themselves. Firefighters are the only people that should go into a burning building.

Frequently Asked Questions

What should my child wear? **Children will be crawling and maybe climb down a ladder. Children wearing skirts or dresses are asked to have shorts on underneath.**

Is the Survive Alive House dangerous? No. Real fire and smoke are not used.

My child has asthma, is the theatrical smoke you use safe? Yes. It is made from sugar and water.

My child plays with matches or lighters, what should I do? Call the Milwaukee Fire Department at 286-8970 to get help.

Can I bring my family to the Survive Alive House? No. The Center is designed for school groups (field trips). However, there is a Mobile Survive Alive House Unit that can be utilized at events. Please visit city.milwaukee.gov/mfd and fill out a Program Request Form.

Where can I learn more about fire safety? Look through the information your child brings home. The internet is a resource also. You can start at survivealivemilwaukee.com we have parent and student areas to provide you with additional information. Also, the City of Milwaukee website (city.milwaukee.gov) and click on departments. You will see the see the link to the fire department homepage.

Where can I buy a fire escape ladder? Fire escape ladders can be found at hardware stores, home improvement centers and department stores throughout the city.