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FIGHT FIRE WITH FACTS

MANUFACTURED HOME SAFETY

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires and approximately 20,000 are injured. Many of them might be alive today if they had only had the information they needed to avoid a disaster. The U.S. Fire Administration offers the following life-saving tips that could make a big difference for you and your community.

Following these simple fire safety tips can increase your survival rate dramatically.

Did you know?

- Smoke alarms are less likely to be present or operating in manufactured homes.
- There is a higher fire death rate per one hundred manufactured homes as compared to other home fires.
- Cooking is the leading cause of fires in manufactured homes.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly a half.

For more information on how you can help prevent fires and fire deaths, please contact your local fire department on a non-emergency number or the U.S. Fire Administration at (800) 238-3358 or visit www.usfa.dhs.gov or www.ready.gov.

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LIFE-SAVING TIPS

- Have a minimum of two smoke alarms installed in your home regardless of sleeping space arrangements.
- Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- Maintain your home heating system by having it serviced at least once a year by a professional.
- Do not store combustibles or flammables near heat sources.
- Never overload outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If the circuit breaker trips or fuses blow, call a licensed electrician to check your system.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.
- If there is a fire, get out immediately and stay out. Go to a neighbor's home and call the emergency phone number in your area. In most areas the number is 911.
- Space heaters need their space. Keep heaters at least three feet away from drapes, clothing or other combustible materials.
- Install skirting material to keep leaves and other debris and combustible items from blowing under your manufactured home.