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Press Release

With Fire Prevention week coming the Trinity County Fire Chief's Association want to remind all residents to take some time to review your personal fire safety.

The National Fire Prevention week is October 9 to 15th with this year's theme being "Protect your Family from Fire". To ensure your families safety follows these easy steps:

1. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas.
2. Test your smoke alarm monthly.
3. Change your smoke detector battery on an annual basis.
4. Make a home fire escape plan and review with all members of the household.
5. Practice the home escape plan when testing your smoke detector monthly.

Properly installed and maintained smoke detectors are considered to be one of the best and least expensive means of providing early warning of a potentially deadly fire. With a working smoke detector you can reduce the risk of dying in a fire by 50%.

In the event of a fire time is the biggest enemy. A small fire can turn deadly within 30 seconds. Escape plans allow you to get out of the home quickly. Your escape plan should include the following:

- Plan two ways out of every room.
- Leave your home when a fire occurs.
- Designate a meeting place outside of the home.
- Have a plan for calling for help once outside the home.
- Get out and stay out! Never return to a burning home.

The TCCA encourages all residents to make fire safety a priority. In addition to the above items all residents should;

- Have at least one working Fire Extinguisher in the home.
- Maintain safety when smoking in the home.
- Practice safety when cooking in the home.
- Clean chimneys prior to using this winter.
- Explore the addition of Home Fire Sprinklers.

For additional information go to www.usfa.fema.gov