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### Featured Safety Poster: Keep emergency exits clear



Encourage employees to be safe at work and at home with this [downloadable poster](#).

Welcome to *Spotlight on Safety*, an e-newsletter brought to you by the Department of the Interior Office of Occupational Safety and Health in partnership with the National Safety Council. We hope you will find this service of value. Send feedback or ideas on topics you would like to see to [membershipinfo@nsc.org](mailto:membershipinfo@nsc.org). Please put "Department of the Interior feedback" in the subject line.



### October is Fire Prevention Month

A small flame can get out of control and turn into a large, uncontrollable fire in less than 30 seconds. The following are tips to help you plan your family fire escape:

- Plan for two ways to escape from each room.
- If you live in a multi-story apartment building, map out as many escape routes as possible to exit stairways on your floor of the building.
- If you live in a high-rise, plan to use the stairs - never the elevator - to escape a fire.
- A secondary route might be a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder for escape from upper-story windows. Purchase only collapsible ladders evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Plan for everyone in your home, including infants and others who may need help to escape.
- Pick a meeting location away from your home.
- Practice getting out with your eyes closed, crawling low to the floor and keeping your mouth covered.
- Involve children in making and practicing your escape plan.
- Teach children to never hide during a fire; they must get out and stay out.
- Clear toys, boxes and other debris from exits.
- Check that windows open easily. Fix any that stick.
- Be sure that security bars on doors and windows have a quick-release latch, and everyone knows how to open them.
- Practice your family escape drill with everyone in your family!

### 5-Minute Safety Talk: A guide to portable fire extinguishers

You know fire extinguishers are important and understand their basic function. But are you aware if your organization has extinguishers, and if so, which types are installed, where are they located, and how do you correctly use and maintain them?



Portable fire extinguishers can be extremely effective in combating small fires within the workplace. However, not all extinguishers are the same. There are different classes for different types of fires. Proper selection and placement of extinguishers is important. It's also essential that once installed, the units are carefully inspected and maintained, and all employees are trained on proper use.

Schedule a [5-Minute Safety Talk](#) with all employees to learn more.

### Webinar: Use games to teach and motivate employees

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