



COLLETON COUNTY CERT

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FIRE PREVENTION MONTH



Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 7 – 13, 2018. Colleton County is observing Fire Prevention during the entire month of October. Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

Colleton County Fire-Rescue (CCFR) is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere™," which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire. This year's campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- **Look** for places fire could start.
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- **Learn** 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and CCFR are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere. Situational awareness is a skill you need to use wherever you go. No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.



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RUN – HIDE- FIGHT!

If you find yourself in the middle of an active shooter event, your survival may depend on whether or not you have a plan. The plan doesn't have to be complicated. There are three things you can do that make a difference: Run, hide, fight.

Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Keep running until you are well away from the building. Get behind some type of cover.
- Evacuate whether others agree to or not.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Call 911 when it is safe to do so.
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be.

Hide

- If you are unable to exit, find a place to hide.
- Lock and barricade all doors and windows.
- Turn off lights, radios, and computer monitors and silence all cell phones.
- Close blinds and block windows.
- Keep everyone calm and out of sight.

Fight

- As a last resort, if your life is in danger, fight back.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Act with physical aggression and do whatever it takes to stop the shooter.
- Yell, use improvised weapons, such as a chair or fire extinguisher.
- Use all of your strength and commit to your actions.



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Time changes on November 4, 2018. When you set your clocks, set time aside to check your emergency stock and check the batteries in your smoke detector.

Think about the different supplies you need in an emergency and try to find them in the word search.

BLANKETS – FOOD – WATER – BATTERIES – FLASHLIGHT – MONEY – MEDICINE – MATCHES – CAN OPENER – FIRST AID KIT – GAMES – COMPASS – MAP – RADIO – WHISTLE – CLOTHES – PET FOOD – SHOES - JACKET

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POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION (PODs)

Following a disaster it may be necessary for counties to operate Points of Distribution. A Point of Distribution or POD is where the public goes to pick up emergency commodities or supplies following a disaster until such time as power is restored, retail establishments reopened, or fixed and mobile feeding sites (if any) and relief social service programs (if any) are in place. Commodities provided can include, but are not limited to, shelf stable food or MREs, bottled water, and limited amounts of ice, tarps, and blankets. Following a disaster, Colleton County Fire-Rescue Emergency Management Division (CCFR-EMD) will determine the need for a POD, the staffing of the POD, the location of the POD, and the commodities to be distributed there. Trained CERT volunteers would be a valuable resource in helping to staff PODS in Colleton County. We will alert you in advance of where you need to go, the time, and your assignment.



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