

## MOBILE HOMES & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

If you live in a mobile home or recreational vehicle, you are at greater risk of injury from fire than if you live in an apartment or a freestanding home. The rectangular design and construction of a mobile home and the compactness of a recreational vehicle can promote the spread of fire, heat, and poisonous gases. There are measures you may take to avoid injury from fire.

- **INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS.** That is your first line of defense and provide an early warning. Be sure to test the alarms frequently and change the batteries twice a year.
- **PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE PLAN.** Sit down with your family and involve everyone with the plan, assuring two ways out and a safe meeting place outside.
- **PURCHASE AN ABC RATED FIRE EXTINGUISHER.** Keep the fire extinguisher close to high-traffic areas, in easy-to-access locations. Learn the PASS Technique, P = Pull the Pin A= Aim the Nozzle at the base of the fire S= Squeeze the handle & S= Sweep from side to side.

If a Fire Breaks Out, **STAY CALM.** Evacuate everyone immediately using pre-planned exit routes. Keep in mind that smoke inhalation accounts for 75 percent of the deaths associated with fires. If you need to escape through smoke, crawl toward the closest safe exit with your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor. If your clothing catches fire, don't panic. Running only makes the flames worse. Instead, **STOP, DROP, COVER & ROLL** Do Not Go Back inside a burning structure for any reason. Call 9-1-1 immediately from a portable phone, a neighbor's phone or a nearby business.

**DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU.....**

**THE UNITED STATES HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST DEATH RATES FROM FIRE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. OCCUPANTS OF MOBILE HOMES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ARE ESPECIALLY AT RISK. PREPARE YOUR PLAN TODAY!!!!**