



**FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA**

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## Rural Fire Safety Life-Saving Tips

- ☑ Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. 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.
- ☑ When building a home or addition, use fire-resistant roofing materials. Avoid using wood materials that offer the least fire protection. Also use fire-resistant siding such as stucco, brick, stone, etc.
- ☑ Let your landscape defend your property. Create defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet of your home.
- ☑ Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your home and other structures.
- ☑ Store flammable materials, liquids, and solvents in metal containers outside the home, at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.
- ☑ Burning yard waste is a fire hazard. Check with your fire department on a nonemergency number for fire permit requirements and restricted burning times.
- ☑ Have your chimney inspected and cleaned regularly by a certified specialist
- ☑ Provide emergency vehicle access with properly constructed driveways and roadways, at least 12 feet wide with adequate turnaround space.
- ☑ Post home address signs that are clearly visible from the road.
- ☑ Develop and practice fire escape and evacuation plans with your family.

### Did you know?

- ▶ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- ▶ Heating is the leading cause of residential fires in rural areas.
- ▶ Deaths due to fires in rural areas are particularly preventable.
- ▶ Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.