

Practice how to use an ABC-type fire extinguisher. Make sure that each family member knows how to use an ABC-type fire extinguisher and knows where it is kept in the house. ABC fire extinguishers use a chemical to extinguish ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids, and electrical fires. Be sure to inspect them periodically and replace them as frequently as indicated in the owner's manual.

Practice fire prevention

- Use caution any time you use fire. Dispose of charcoal briquettes and fireplace ashes properly, never leave any outdoor fire unattended, and make sure that outdoor fires are fully extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving the area.
- Do not use welders or any equipment that creates sparks outside on dry, windy days.
- Do not park vehicles in tall, dry grass if a fire weather watch or fire weather/red flag warning has been issued. Exhaust systems are very hot and can ignite dry grass.
- Store combustible or flammable materials in approved safety containers away from the house.
- Keep the gas grill and propane tank at least 15 feet away from any structure. Clear a 15-foot area around the grill. Do not use the grill during potentially dangerous fire weather conditions. Always have a fire extinguisher or hose nearby.
- Learn how you and your family can prevent a wildfire by using fire and equipment responsibly at www.SmokeyBear.com.

Practice first aid skills and emergency response actions through training classes. In most circumstances, when someone is hurt, a person on the scene provides the first assistance, before professional help arrives. Learn and practice response skills now so you will know what to do.

- Each year, more than 3 million people gain the skills they need to prepare for and respond to emergencies through American Red Cross training classes, including first aid, automated external defibrillator (AED), and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training. Visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class to find out about classes in your area. Download the American Red Cross First Aid App at www.redcross.org/mobile-apps/first-aid-app.
- The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program expands the emergency response network by providing training in basic response skills to community members. CERT Basic Training educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may affect their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Visit www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams to find your local program.