

FireSmart:LA Kids Wanted!



Do your kids know how to call “911” in the event of an emergency?

If they do call, will they know what to tell the emergency response operator? We want kids all over Los Angeles to be FireSmart. That’s why FireSmart:LA is one of the public fire and life safety programs supported by the Los Angeles Fire Department and MySafe:LA.

We’re visiting schools all over the city, and showing kids how to create family escape plans, when to change the batteries in home smoke alarms, and what steps to take in the event of a home or family emergency. So, when the kids come home and say, “hey mom and dad! We need to practice our emergency drills,” please listen to them. When you do, everyone will be FireSmart:LA.



Message From the Fire Chief

As the Fire Chief for the City of Los Angeles, your safety is one of my primary concerns.

Los Angeles is the second largest city in the U.S., and we face a wide range of threats, from earthquakes to wildfires and even terrorist attacks. With approximately four million people in our wonderful city, but only 1,000 firefighters on duty at any one time, it’s very important that you become FireSmart:LA.

- How does a family become FireSmart? It’s easy!
- » Create a family escape plan specific to your family
 - » Practice it at least once a year
 - » Make sure you have smoke alarms in your home
 - » Make sure they work and change the batteries
 - » Install functional fire extinguishers in key places

Remember, in the event of any home or family emergency, please dial “911.” When you do, please be prepared to clearly state what the emergency is, and tell the emergency response operator how to find you. Giving our people an accurate address and location is essential to our getting there in a timely fashion.

Your Los Angeles Fire Department is ready and willing to serve you, 24/7/365. We study, train and prepare ourselves for any type of emergency. You should practice as well. That’s why we say, *It’s up to all of us to be FireSmart:LA!*

Brian L. Cummings
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FireSmart:LA



FACT: 3,000 people in the United States die every year, due to fires in the home.



Every time a life is lost in Los Angeles due to a fire in a home or apartment, it is a tragedy not only for the family, but for the City as well.

The real tragedy is that most of these deaths do not need to occur. According to the U.S. Fire Administration www.usfa.dhs.gov, most of these deaths occur in structures that have not been equipped with a working smoke alarm.

When you install a smoke alarm, it can aid you and your family by warning you of smoke and other deadly gasses before it’s too late to escape. When your smoke alarm is functioning, it will monitor the area around it 24/7 for smoke. If the batteries do not get changed, at some point, your smoke alarm will stop functioning. When this happens, your detector will alert you by beeping. Do not ignore this warning!

Your Los Angeles Fire Department suggests that you change the batteries in your smoke alarms twice a year, when you change the time for daylight savings and daylight standard time. Smoke alarms can save your life!