



Whitpain Township Fire Marshal's Office

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Dear Whitpain Township Residents and Visitors,

From the Whitpain Township Fire Marshal Office, we want to emphasize the importance of fire safety in our homes. Each year, countless families experience the devastating effects of home fires, but many of these tragedies can be prevented with simple precautions and awareness. With working smoke detectors, residents have two minutes to evacuate their homes from the time of alarm activation. **Fire doubles in size every 30 seconds with today's combustible materials!**

Here are some essential fire safety tips to help protect your home and loved ones:

1. **Install Smoke Alarms:** Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially outside sleeping areas. Test them monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.
2. **Create an Escape Plan:** Develop a fire escape plan with your family. Identify two ways out of every room and designate a meeting place outside. Practice your plan regularly.
3. **Kitchen Safety:** Stay attentive while cooking. Keep flammable items away from the stove, and never leave cooking unattended.
4. **Electrical Safety:** Inspect cords and plugs for damage. Avoid overloading outlets and use appliances according to the manufacturer's instructions.
5. **Heating Equipment:** Keep flammable materials away from heaters and fireplaces. Have your heating system inspected annually.
6. **Fire Extinguishers:** Keep a fire extinguisher in key areas of your home, such as the kitchen and garage, and learn how to use it.
7. **Educate Your Family:** Teach children about fire safety, including what to do in case of a fire and the importance of staying low to the ground to avoid smoke.

Community Support

If you need help installing smoke detectors or want a free home safety assessment, please don't hesitate to contact our office at FDINFO@WHITPAINTOWNSHIP.ORG. We are here to support you in keeping your home safe. Together, we can make Whitpain Township a safer place for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your commitment to fire safety!

Stay Safe!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Barnshaw".

Michael A. Barnshaw
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