

# FIRE SAFETY

20,000 fires related to RVs

Fire is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in US

Preventable by understanding and eliminating fire hazards

Fire isn't bad in RV –

- Furnace (keeps warm)
- Stove/oven (cooks food)
- Water heater (showers)
- Refrigerator (keeps food cold)
- Engine

Four Components for fire

Anything  
Combustible

Chemical Reaction

Oxygen

Heat Source

Fire Classification

Class A Combustibles (leave ash)

Class B Liquids

Class C Electrical

Fire is

Fast

Deadly

Dark

Hot

Identifying and Eliminating Fire Hazards: e.g. how close parked to next RV?  
Periodically inspect propane lines, electrical wiring

RV Safety Plan of Action – plan escape, know your abilities

- Alarms – different sounds?
- Local emergency number
- Two escape routes

- Never take anything with you
- Predetermine a gathering spot
- Make sure visitors are briefed on opening front door, escape plan
- Make sure all know how to use fire extinguisher
- Show how to unhook electricity and how to close propane valves
- Sleep with door closed to bedroom
- Practice unhooking tow vehicle (15 sec.)

Number One Rule: Save Lives!

Smoke Detectors: Use only UL approved and change 2x's year

CO Detector should be in bedroom, 5' off floor, 8" from ceiling

Propane (LPG)  
Should be in kitchen, floor level

If propane leak occurs the first thing get out, shut off propane  
Campgrounds and Campfires - no overhead trees, use ring, have water and shovel  
Camping Safety Tips

- Tent Camping - flame resistant tent
- Lanterns and Stoves - fill away from heat source, use funnel

Treating Burns  
Step One Stop burning (put out flames)

Step Two Cool the burn

Step Three Cover the burn (loosely applied sterile bandage)

Smoke Inhalation get to fresh air, put outside

"Stop, drop and roll" if clothing on fire

Fire Safety Summary  
Reduce causes  
Know proper extinguisher  
Prepare Plan of Action

Know warning signals  
All knowledgeable  
about fire safety