

Arrowhead

ARROWHEAD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

In The Event of a Fire

The event of a fire in your house it is important to follow three steps in the order listed below, even if you have a portable fire extinguisher and plan to use it in an attempt to extinguish the fire. Portable fire extinguishers are for small fires, such as a fire in a trash container. The extinguishing agent in the extinguisher will last 15 to 20 seconds. The most important thing is to get everyone out of the house to a safe location.

1. Sound Alarm. Alert everyone in the house of the fire.
2. Evacuate. Ensure everyone is out of the house. Go to a predesignated location and count heads to ensure everyone is out and safe.
3. Call the Fire department. Call 911 and report your address and what is on fire.



Smoke Alarms

The township requires a smoke alarm on each level of a house. They should be hard-wired with a back-up battery in case of a power failure. They should be tested monthly, cleaned yearly (vacuum or blow out the dust) and the battery replaced each year.



Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Any type of combustion (burning) produces carbon monoxide which is a deadly, odorless poisonous gas. Homes should have a carbon monoxide alarm in the immediate area of bedroom doors (within 15 feet of each door) or installed in each bedroom if a house uses oil or gas for heat or has a fireplace or wood burning stove or a garage attached to the house. Carbon monoxide alarms can be battery powered or a plug-in type. They should be tested monthly, cleaned yearly and the battery replaced yearly. If the device activates, remove everyone from the house and call our fire company.



Fire Protection for Arrowhead

The Fort Washington fire company provides fire protection for our community. They are staffed by volunteers. Donations enable them to purchase new equipment and maintain existing equipment. To make a donation to support the fire company send it to the Fort Washington Fire Company, 1245 Fort Washington Avenue, Fort Washington, Pa 19034. Their website is ww.fortwashingtonfc.org.