

## Home and Personal Safety

The following series of informational items are designed to keep you and your family safe while living in our community.



## Fire Safety

### In the Event of a Fire

In 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. If they are not hardwired, purchase smoke alarms that intercommunicate with each other. They should be tested monthly, cleaned yearly (vacuum or blow out the dust) and the battery replaced each year.



### Carbon Monoxide Safety

Any type of combustion (burning) produces carbon monoxide which is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas. The gas is produced during the operation of a heater, gas hot water heater, gas cooking range or a wood burning fireplace. When those devices are operating properly, the amount of the gas given off is very small and not harmful. During the malfunction of any of the devices the amount of the gas greatly increases and is harmful. To protect you and your family from carbon monoxide gas, a carbon monoxide alarm should be installed in your house in the immediate area of bedroom doors. Carbon monoxide alarms can be battery powered or 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 the fire company (911).



### **Injured and in Need of Medical Attention**

If you need medical attention and are unable to drive yourself to a doctor or hospital, ambulances are available to transport you to the nearest hospital. The cost or a portion of it is usually paid by medical insurance. If in need call 911.



### **Persons at Your Door Possible Home Invasion**

We live in a relatively safe community, but allowing someone you do not know into your house is dangerous. To guard against a home invasion, keep all exterior doors locked, night and day. Solicitations are not permitted in the Arrowhead community, but sometimes persons will ignore the signs posted at the entrances and go door to door. Do not open a door to someone you do not know. If your front door does not have a vision panel enabling you to see the person on the outside of the door, install a device to see out, such as, a peep hole, a door camera or doorbell camera. If you do not know the person, do not open the door. Utility agencies (gas, water, electric) and other company personnel do not show up unannounced. They will send a letter to schedule an appointment for work they need to do inside your house, such as replace a water meter. If the person is persistent, call the police department (911). Give these instructions to your children and older adults living with you.



### **Walking or Driving in the Community, Especially at Night**

Arrowhead is a nice place to walk or jog, but caution is necessary while doing it. While driving in the community, obey the speed limits, stop at Stop Signs and watch for people, especially children, walking or playing in the streets. While walking or jogging at night, wear light colored clothing, a luminescent vest or carry a flashlight and be watchful for approaching vehicles.

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