PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

- Know two ways out of every room.
- Keep exits clear of clutter.
- Have an outside meeting place for emergencies.
- Practice fire drills at least twice a year.

IN CASE OF A FIRE

- Stay calm and get out fast.
- If smoke is present, stay low to the ground.
- Never re-enter a burning building.
- Call 911 immediately.



CALL 311

FOR INSTALLATION OF A FREE SMOKE ALARM.



Call the Office of the Fire Marshal at (410) 396-5752 or scan the QR code for a free Lifetone fire alarm bed shaker for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Open bed shaker request form





BALTIMORE CITY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE SAFETY FOR OLDER ADULTS



WHY FIRE SAFETY IS CRUCIAL FOR OLDER ADULTS

- Your risk of dying in a home fire increases as you age.
- Common risk factors: Poor eyesight, hearing loss, arthritis, dementia, and medication side effects.
- People over 65 are twice as likely to be injured or killed in a fire.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom and outside sleeping areas.
- Test alarms monthly and replace batteries yearly (or use sealed alarms).
- Consider notification devices with flashing lights or vibration for hearing impairments.

KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Turn pot handles inward to prevent spills.
- Keep flammable items away from the stove.
- Wear close-fitting sleeves while cooking.

CANDLE & SMOKING SAFETY

- Always keep candles at least 12 inches from anything flammable.
- Extinguish candles and cigarettes completely before going to sleep.
- Never smoke in bed or near oxygen.

HOME HEATING & ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Keep space heaters 3 feet away from anything flammable.
- Never use an oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- Avoid overloaded outlets.

