



# Plan Ahead

# FIRE EVACUATION

## for Families with Pets

**When a fire strikes, quick action saves lives.**

Use this simple guide to prepare an evacuation plan that keeps every family member, human and animal, safe.

Remember, preparation is the key to staying calm and making clear decisions when it matters most.



### 1 Plan Ahead

**Create an Evacuation Plan:**

Have clear exits and include routes for everyone, including pets. Practice it regularly.

**Designate a Pet Caregiver:**

Assign someone to grab leashes, carriers, or pet essentials.

**Identify Pet-Friendly Safe Spots:**

Know where you can stay with pets if you evacuate.



### 2 Prepare Your Pets

**Keep Pet Supplies Handy:**

Have carriers, leashes, and emergency kits near exits.

**Pet Emergency Kit:**

Include food, water, medication, and copies of vet records.

**Train Your Pets:**

Teach them to come when called for easier evacuation.



### 3 During a Fire

**Focus on Safety:**

Prioritise getting everyone out quickly. Only re-enter if safe.

**Safely Evacuate Pets:**

Use carriers or leashes to ensure they don't panic or hide.

**Leave Doors Open:**

If you can't get hold of pets, leave doors open for them to escape.



### 4 Protect Your Home

**Pet Alert Stickers:**

Place stickers on windows to inform rescuers about your pets.

**Check Alarms:**

Test smoke detectors monthly and change batteries yearly.

**Secure Cables, Gadgets & Appliances:**

Reduce fire risks caused by chewing or accidents.



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