

Caregiver Assistance News

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Since fires can be deadly for a person with a mobility disability, contact the local fire department for help in evacuation planning, but make sure the advice fits the needs of the person in your care. Help the person memorize a few phrases to quickly explain the situation to first responders. Read the issue and answer True or False to the question below.

1. Older adults are more than twice as likely to die in a home fire than other age groups.
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2. More than 50% of home fire deaths occur at night.
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3. When in a house fire, call the fire department *before* you are outside the building.
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4. Place heaters at least three feet from any combustible material, such as bedding and furniture.
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5. Most kitchen fires occur when cooking food is left unattended.
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6. Dehydrated Christmas trees don't catch fire more easily than a watered tree.
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7. Smoking materials are the number one cause of home fires that kill seniors.
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8. If you see or smell smoke or sparks coming from any electrical appliance or outlet, shut off the main breaker and call an electrician at once.
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9. If a fire starts in a pan, put a lid on it and never throw water on a grease fire.
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10. It is important to ensure escape routes are wide enough for a walker or wheelchair and remove items that may block your way out.
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Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____