

Fire Safety

You and your loved ones already know what to do in case of a fire, but what about your pet? Although animals are more likely to get out of a burning house before people, it is a wise idea to fireproof your home in order to protect your pets and other animals from injury.

Unplug it

You already know not to leave a burning candle unattended – especially not around children or pet – but what about your toaster?

Make sure appliances are unplugged if not being used. Some animals like to chew on electric cords and this can cause a short out that starts a fire or injure the animals. If you have a pet that likes to chew, it is a good idea to store appliances in a safe place when not in use.

Make sure your pet cannot reach appliances, such as irons or hair dryers when not in use. Remember that cats like to jump and can get on top of an ironing board and if the iron is on, can start a fire.

Keep an eye on the grill

Watch barbeque grill, especially when the grilling is done. Romping dogs can knock over the grill and hot coals are capable of starting a fire quickly.

What if I'm not home?

Keep updated stickers on your doors that let police and the fire department know that there are animals in the house in case you are out of the house when a fire starts, especially if your pets are confined to a crate during the day.



In Case of Fire

In the event that you find your home on fire, here are some things to keep in mind to ensure the safety of everyone in your home:

- Grab your dog's leash or cat's carrier and immediately secure them.
- If your pet immediately ran to their favorite hiding spot, check there first.
- If you can't find your pet and you are running out of time, open as many doors and windows as you can to give them a chance to escape on their own. Call their name as loudly as you can once you are safely outside.