



CITY OF CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Happy New Year to everyone from the Camden Fire Department!!

Unfortunately, the new year has not started off happy for everyone. We have the COVID-19 virus still wreaking havoc throughout our country and unfortunately it has drastically affected some of the members of the Camden Fire Department. We are doing everything we can to help keep our members and the citizens we protect healthy.

Recently there have been two disastrous fires, one in Philadelphia and more recently in New York City. Because of these two very tragic fires we would like to remind everyone of some fire safety tips to keep you and your families safe from the effects of fires.

- Make sure you have “working smoke detectors” on every level of your home and we recommend you have them in all sleeping areas of your residence. We also want you to sleep with your doors closed.
- Keep all items that could be used to start a fire (matches, lighters, igniters, etc.) away from children and/or other people who are not trained or educated in their proper use.
- Use of any auxiliary heating devices (ceramic, infrared, oil filled, etc.) must be used following the specific manufacturer’s instructions and the NJ Uniform Fire Code for rental properties.
- Practice **Exit Drills In The Home** (EDITH) and know where all the exits are including the rear of your home.

One of the most important actions that the fire department does when we respond to a fire is to contain the fire from spreading. One way to prevent the spread of fire is to close the doors in the area where the fire is as you exit the building and then tell the firefighters where you saw the fire when they arrive. This will help us locate the fire and perform rapid extinguishment.

The fire department installs smoke detectors free for owner occupied residential properties. Once you fill out our smoke detector request form someone from the fire department will come and install the smoke detector(s) and provide you with fire safety tips for you and your family. If you are a renter or live in an apartment complex your landlord is responsible for providing smoke detectors under special rules and regulations.

For any further information or assistance please contact us at fire@ci.camden.nj.us or call 856-757-7520.