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FIRE SAFETY FACTS

THE BEST FIRE PROTECTION IS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM

A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE

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IN CASE OF FIRE…

A fire emergency can present serious challenges to the disabled, many of whom live alone. Follow these hints to keep fire safe.

Know your exits

If you have limited mobility sleep near an exit. If you live in a two story or more it's best to be on the ground floor. Keep a cell phone or extension nearby.

Use alarms that have a deeper sound for the hearing impaired, or, one with a built in beacon.

Consider a home fire sprinkler system. A sprinkler system can contain and put out a fire even before the fire department arrives.

FIRE SAFETY FOR THE DISABLED

ESCAPE TIPS…(special advice for the disabled)

- ***If you need help.. YELL! The person designated to assist you may not know there is a fire, and since many fires occur over-night, may be asleep. If that person does not respond…exit as quickly as possible. Call the fire department from a cordless or cell phone at a pre-arranged location <u>outside</u>.***
- ***Test doors before you open them. From the floor, feel around the frame with the back of your hand. If it feels warm, do not open it. If it is cool open it slightly but be ready to slam it shut if there is smoke or flame present.***
- ***If there is smoke, retreat to a room away from the fire and call the fire department.***
- ***If you cannot escape close as many doors between you and the fire as possible. Cover floor vents with cloth to keep smoke out. Use your room phone, cordless or cell to tell 911 exactly where you are.***
- ***Know at least two exits from every room.***