

SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Public Education Programs & Services

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COMMUNITY & BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Business Services

Web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/pubEd/business/businessServices.htm>

The Seattle Fire Department provides fire prevention and preparedness assistance to the City's business community. Resources for developing fire emergency plans and for training staff are available free of charge for a variety of occupancies, from high rise buildings to hospitals and hotels.

High Rise Program

Web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/pubEd/highrise/highrise.htm>

PLANNING RESOURCES & STAFF TRAINING

Recent events have underscored the need for high rise buildings to be prepared to respond to emergency situations. The Public Education Office offers a wealth of resources for preparing for a high rise fire emergency, from developing response procedures to complete staff training programs.

Each high rise building in the City of Seattle is required to have a designated Fire Safety Director and alternate. The primary responsibility of the Fire Safety Director is to prevent, prepare for and manage fire emergencies until the Fire Department arrives to assume control of the situation. The Seattle Fire Department offers a free training seminar for those serving as high rise Fire Safety Directors.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

All high rise buildings certified for occupancy are required to have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) reviewed and approved by the Seattle Fire Department. Public Education personnel provide guidance and instruction on developing an EOP, as well as review of plans prior to approval by the Fire Marshal.

Smoke Alarm Placement Program

Web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/pubEd/smokealarms/smokeAlarms.htm>

Free smoke alarms are provided to low-income, senior and disabled homeowners in the city of Seattle. Alarms are installed by a local fire station crew, and yearly reminders are sent to change the batteries each October.

Public Awareness Campaigns

Safety messages are promoted to the public through a variety of special events, seasonal prevention campaigns and, as needed, to follow notable incidents or fire trends.

On the web at www.cityofseattle.net/fire

Resource Assistance

Need an answer to a fire safety question? Call the Public Education Office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and we'll be happy to help you. A wide variety of fire prevention and preparedness information is available through the Department's website at www.cityofseattle.net/fire

High Risk Audiences

As resources permit, educational outreach to high risk populations is conducted by the section. Examples include programs such as the Fraternity Fire Safety Academy, Residence Life Fire Safety for college students, Apartment Fire Safety Seminar for residential managers and Fire Safety for Seniors. Health and Safety Fairs which access specific target audiences are attended when possible.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Preschool Fire Safety Program

Web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/pubEd/school/preschoolProgram.htm>

Young children are especially vulnerable to fire and burn injuries. To address this issue, the Seattle Fire Department offers a comprehensive fire safety program for delivery in preschools and daycares. This nationally recognized program is aimed at children between the ages of three to five years. The program includes in-service training for new daycare/preschool licensees, an age-appropriate fire safety curriculum, quarterly safety newsletter to local daycares/preschools and follow-up station tours for groups completing the fire safety curriculum.

Fireflies Magazine

Web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/pubEd/fireflies/fireflies.htm>

Fireflies is an activity-based safety magazine for elementary students in Seattle Public Schools. The largest periodical of its kind, Fireflies is produced by Seattle Fire Department educators, and highlights fire and injury prevention issues for kids and their families in an age-appropriate and curriculum integrated approach. Fireflies is distributed to all Seattle elementary schools, as well as private and home-schooled children in the City of Seattle upon request.

Fire Stoppers Firesetting Intervention Program

Web site: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/fire/pubEd/firestoppers/fireStoppers.htm>

The Seattle Fire Department offers a free, confidential education program for children (ages 2-17) who show curiosity about fire or have started a fire. The program involves an assessment of the child's risk for using fire, fun age-appropriate activities that help the child learn about being safe around fire, and information for parents on how to keep their whole family safe. For those children who would benefit from additional help, referrals are available for free mental health counseling.