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## Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2018 "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere"

**Olympia**—In collaboration with fire agencies and safety advocates nationwide, the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2018, to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

The number of fires in homes has steadily declined over the last few decades. While we have made great progress in learning how to prevent fires, statistics show a significant increase in injuries and loss of life over the same time period. Today's homes and buildings can burn faster than ever. Families can have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time a smoke alarm sounds. Planning what your family should do in the event of a fire is critical. Since fires do not just start at home this information can help you anywhere. Three simple statements lay the groundwork for preparation and action in the event of a home or other fire:

- **Look** for places fire can start Identify electrical and fire hazards in your home. Make sure chimneys are clean and electrical cords are intact. Are your lighters and matches away from small curious hands?
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm
  Make sure smoke alarms are installed in all sleeping areas and on every level of a home. Close doors behind you to prevent the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Learn two ways out of every room

  Draw a map of your home with all family members and practice your evacuation plan at least twice a year at night and during the day. Teach children how to get out on their own and make sure no one ever goes back in a burning building. Ensure your address signs are current and easily seen.

Fire can happen anywhere and with a small amount of preparation and forethought, a dangerous situation can be overcome quickly and safely.

To help residents experience the fun and spirit of Fire Prevention Week in their communities, a list of public events happening across the state is provided below.

Adams County	Events
Adams County Fire District 5 Othello	October 18 – Open House from 5:00pm-8:00 pm, located at 220 S Broadway, Othello 99344

Cowlitz County	Events
Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Kelso	October 13 – Open House from 11:00am-2:00pm, located at 701 Vine St, Kelso 98626
Cowlitz County Fire District 6 Castle Rock	October 6 – Safety Carnival at Station 61 from 10:00am-2:00pm, located at 146 A St, Castle Rock, WA 98611
Longview Fire Department	October 13 — Open House from 10:00am-2:00pm, located at 740 Commerce Ave, Longview 98632
Douglas County	
Douglas County Fire District 2 East Wenatchee	October 13 – Open House from 11:00am-3pm, located at 377 Eastmont Ave, East Wenatchee 98802
Franklin County	
Pasco Fire Department	October 9 – Open House at Fire Station 82 from 4:00pm-7:00pm, located at 3502 Varney Lane, Pasco 93301
Grant County	
Grant County Fire District 3 Quincy	October 9 – Open House from 3:00pm-6:30pm, located at 1201 Central Ave S, Quincy 98848
Grant County Fire District 3 George	October 11 – Open House from 3:00pm-6:30pm, located at 101 Richmond Ave, George 98848
<b>Grays Harbor County</b>	
Ocean Shores Fire Department	October 11 – Open House at the Central Fire Station located at 585 Point Brown Ave NW, Ocean Shores 98569 Call (360)289-3611 for times please
Kitsap County	
Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue	October 13 – Open House at Station 51 from 12:00pm-2:00pm, located at 10955 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, WA 98311
King County	
Redmond Fire Department	October 8 – Open House at Station 14 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, located at 5021 264 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Redmond 98502
Redmond Fire Department	October 11 – Open House at Station 12 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, located at 421 148th Ave NE, Bellevue 98007
Redmond Fire Department	October 12 – Open House at Station 18 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, located at 22710 NE Alder Crest Drive, Redmond 98502
Redmond Fire Department	October 8 – Open House at Stations 13 (8701 208th Ave NE) & 14 (5021 264th Ave NE) from 6:00pm-8:00pm.
Redmond Fire Department	October 10 – Open House at Station 16 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, located at 6502 185th Ave NE, Redmond 98052
Redmond Fire Department	October 9 – Open House at Station 17 from 6:00pm-8:00pm, located at 16917 NE 116th St, Redmond 98502
Redmond Fire Department	October 13 – Open House at Station 11 from 10:00am-1:00pm, located at 8451 161th Ave NE, Redmond 98052
King County	
Bellevue Fire Department	October 13 – Open House at Stations 1 through 9 from 10:00am-4:00pm. Please call the Bellevue Fire Department or check their website for addresses and directions
Mason County	
Central Mason Fire & EMS Shelton	October 13 – Open House from 5:00pm-8:00pm, located at 122 W Franklin St, Shelton 98584

Pierce County	
Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One	October 6 – Fire Prevention at the Scarecrow Festival from 10:00am-4:00pm, located at 10123 78th Ave NW, Gig Harbor 98332
Key Peninsula Fire Lakebay	October 6 – from 8:00am-11:00am, located at 8911 Key Peninsula Hwy KPN, Lakebay 98349
Skagit County	
Skagit County Fire District 17 Guemes Island	October 7 – Open House located at Station 1 located at 6310 Guemes Island Road, Guemes Island, WA 98221 Please contact (360) 293-8681 for times
<b>Snohomish County</b>	
South Snohomish County Fire	October 13 – Open House at Fire Station 21 from 10:00am-1:00pm, located at 16819 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave. W. Lynnwood, WA 98208
Snohomish County Fire District 7 Snohomish	October 7 – Open House from 12:00pm-4:00pm, located at Station 71 8010 180 <sup>th</sup> Street SE, Snohomish, WA 98296
Snohomish County Fire District 7 Snohomish	October 13 – Open House from 12:00pm-4:00pm, located at Station 31 163 Village Court, Monroe, WA 98272
Thurston County	
Olympia Fire Department	October 6 – Open House at Station 1 from 11:00am-2:00pm, located at 100 Eastside St NE, Olympia 98506
Whitman County	
Pullman Fire Department	October 6 – Fire Department Display from 10:00am-2:00pm, located at 1690 SE Harvest Drive, Pullman, WA 99163
Whatcom County	
Bellingham Fire Department	October 13 – Open House at all of the District Fire Stations Call (360)778-8400 for times and location please
Yakima County	
Yakima Fire Department	October 10 – Fall Fire Safety Display at 5906 Summit view, Yakima, WA Call Yakima Fire Department for details

The State Fire Marshal's Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington States firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.