



FACTS and FIGURES

- Only one in four Americans has devised and practiced a plan to escape from their home during a fire. Of those Americans who do have an escape plan, only 35 percent have practiced it.*
- According to a 2005 study commissioned by the State Fire Marshal's Office, 82 percent of college students have "no strategy" for exiting a public venue and "rarely" consider how they would escape from a fire.
- A 2005 State Fire Marshal inspection of randomly selected bars and nightclubs in Texas revealed that **96 percent** have blocked, locked, or poorly marked exits.
- Older adults aged 65 and up are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fire compared to the population at large.*
- Alcohol or drug use, physical or mental disability, and literacy are all factors in fire safety risk.
- Building type and conditions, i.e. mobile homes, homes with burglar bars, high-rise office buildings, can hinder safe fire evacuation.
- In 2002, high-rise office buildings, hotels, apartments, and hospitals combined had 7,300 reported structure fires and associated losses of 15 civilian deaths, 300 civilian injuries, and \$26 million in direct property damage in the United States.*

*Source: www.nfpa.org