



10 Fire Safety Tips for You and Your Pets

1. Pet ID

Please be sure that your pets wear ID tags. When pets become scared they tend to flee, so please be sure that your pet's information is current should you become separated from your pet, or should someone else find them.

2. Emergency Kits

When creating emergency kits for your family, remember to include items for your pets, such as non-perishable pet food, an emergency collar and leash, and a copy of current licenses or vaccinations.

3. Pet Proof Your Home

Just as you would child proof your home, pet proof your home as well. Keep wires safely out of reach of young, curious or bored pets who may want to chew, causing harm to both them and your home.

4. Home Safety Plans

Develop home escape routes for you, your family and your pets and be sure to practice them. Keep leashes handy in strategic locations along escape routes for easy access in an emergency or evacuation.

5. Keep Pets Near Entrances

When leaving pets at home alone, confine them to the main level of your home, and in rooms or areas that are close to entrances where emergency responders can easily find them.

6. Pets and Flames

Never leave pets unattended around open flames or heat sources. Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, fireplaces and heat sources. Safely extinguish any open flames, and shut off any heat sources that may attract a pet's attention.

7. Pet Door Installation

Consider installing a pet door so pets have a chance to escape if a fire should break out while you are not at home.

8. Batteries in Smoke Detectors

Ensure that your smoke detectors are in proper working order. Replace batteries in all of your smoke detectors yearly and test them monthly.

9. Emergency Pet Access

Share information with friends, family and neighbors about where pets may be located or kept in your home that so they can relay that information to emergency responders.

10. Pet Alert Window Clings

Affix "Pets Inside" window clings in areas where Firefighters and emergency responders can see them. Please keep them updated at all times. This information can aid rescuers when responding to fires or other emergencies at your home. Pet Alert window clings are available at the Loveland Fire and Rescue Community Safety Division, located at 410 E. 5th St. for a \$1 donation. Call 970-962-2537 for more info.