

Directorate of Emergency Services

Ft. Benning Fire & Emergency Services (FB-F&ES)

Did you know...

The FB-F&ES is the 6th busiest Fire Department in the Department of Defense averaging almost 3,000 emergencies/76 fires a year!

Did you know...

Our newest fire station located in the Harmony Church area will open in mid-February reducing emergency response time for Fire and EMS emergencies! Another Fire Station covering Sand Hill coming late 2011!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q. What you should know about Smoke Alarms

Smoke Alarms save lives:

Make sure your smoke alarms are working – this means testing smoke alarms monthly using the test button, make sure everyone in your home knows their sound, vacuum the vents regularly, and replace batteries with daylight saving time changes

2. Q. Cooking Safety Tips

A. Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.

Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

3. Q. If you have a cooking fire

A. Call 9-1-1

Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.

If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.

For an oven fire turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Once you leave your house go across the street and notify the Fire Department you/family are out of the house

4. Q. Escape Planning

A. Only 23% of the households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely

Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your household

Practice the plan night and day with everyone in your home twice a year

Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Ensure all doors/windows leading outside open easily

5. Q. Vehicle Safety Tips

- A. Have your vehicles inspected at least annually by a trained, professional technician
 - Watch for fluid leaks under vehicles, cracked or blistered hoses, or wiring that is loose
 - Be alert to changes in the way your vehicle sounds when running
 - If a fire occurs: STOP – if possible pull to side of road – GET OUT – move 100 feet from vehicle – CALL 911

6. Q. Home Electrical Fires

- A. Some type of electrical failure or malfunction was cited as factor contributing to ignition for 72% of electrical distribution or lighting equipment home structural fires
 - Replace or repair loose or frayed cords on all electrical devices
 - Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets
 - In homes with small children, unused wall sockets/extension-cord receptacles should have plastic safety covers
 - Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time