

The background of the page is a large, circular image showing a building on fire. Three shirtless men are in the foreground, looking at the fire. One man is holding a large white bucket. The scene is dramatic, with bright orange flames and thick black smoke.

# HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FIRE AND ITS HAZARDS

# DID YOU KNOW???

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**FIRE ACCIDENT** is one of the most common man-made disasters in the country. Fire accident along with suicide and accidental falls compromise of 48 PERCENT of the man-made disaster in the country.

## WOULD YOU CARE?

Most of the fires occurrences in the Philippines resulted in tragedy; deaths and major property damage.





## Can You Still Remember ???

**On March 18, 1996,** a fire at Ozone disco along Timog Avenue in Quezon City left 150 people dead and 90 others seriously injured. Around 350 young Filipinos were inside the bar when the fire struck.

**On August 18, 2001,** a fire accident happened in Manor Hotel in Quezon City, killing 75 guests and wounding 52 others. The victims, mostly local guests from various evangelical churches of the Don Clowers Ministry, a Texas-based Christian evangelical group, were asleep when the fire struck. They were trapped inside their rooms because the hotel's fire exit was blocked.



Many victims died trying to exit the Ozone disco.



# GETTING TO KNOW – **FIRE:**

- It is the **BIGGEST CONTRIBUTOR** to the **ECONOMIC LOSSES** of many countries in the **WORLD**.
- It is one of the **WORST ACCIDENTS** that can happen to an **INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE** or even to a **RESIDENTIAL building** or house.
- It can **TURN A QUIET CROWD** into a wild eyed, **PANIC-STRICKEN MASS**.
- It can **DESTROY WHOLE FORESTS**, or bring huge building **CRUMBLING TO THE GROUND**.



**ALERT:  
It can KILL!!!**



# "Fire Proof" Your Home:

- ☐ Put **PHONE NUMBERS** of your nearest fire department near your phone.



- ☐ **ELIMINATE** fire hazards through good house-keeping: dispose waste paper, trash and other flammable materials regularly.



- ☐ Keep matches **OUT** of children's reach.



- ☐ Oil or gas lamps and candles should be placed away from curtains. Do not light them near windows, fans or where children or pets may fall over them. **PUT OUT THE FLAME** before going to bed.



- ☐ Do not keep **FLAMMABLE** materials like gasoline, kerosene, alcohol and paint inside the house.



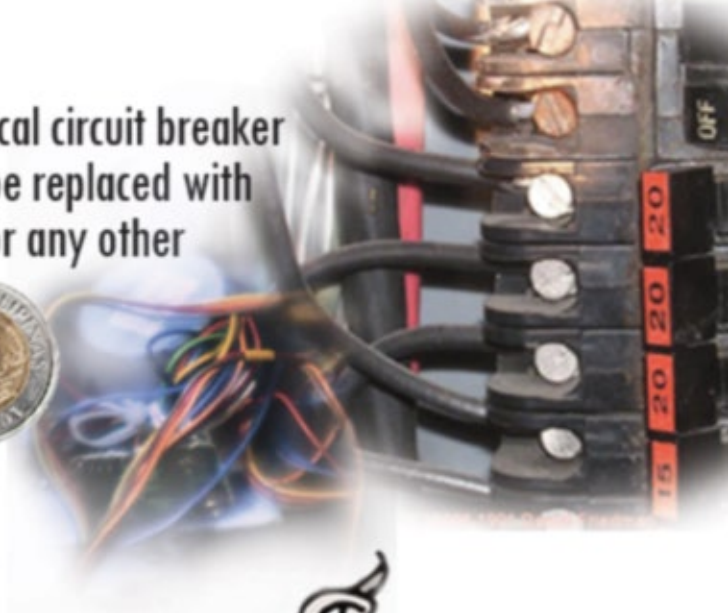
- ☐ Regularly **CHECK** your electrical installations, and have all threadbare wirings and electrical furniture changed or repaired by a licensed electrician.



- ☐ Do not **OVERLOAD** electrical circuits by putting additional lights and appliances.



- ☐ Blown electrical circuit breaker should **NOT** be replaced with coins, wires or any other metal.



- ☐ **NEVER** leave a lighted cigarette/cigar/pipe unattended. This may fall on flammable materials.



- ☐ Keep a **FIRST-AID KIT** handy.



# 10 SAFETY TIPS IN CASE OF FIRE AT HOME

1. A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN needs to include at least two escape routes for every room in the home and a convenient meeting place at a safe distance.



Fire  
assembly  
point



2. Once you are out, **STAY OUT.**



3. Call the FIRE DEPARTMENT from a neighbor's home.





**4. If you see smoke or fire in your first ESCAPE ROUTE, use your second way out.**



**5. If you must exit through smoke, CRAWL LOW under the smoke to your exit.**



**6. If the door is warm, don't open it (backdraft might occur) use your second way out.**

**For Your Information:**

***A backdraft is a fire that has burned out the oxygen trapped inside the room characterized by yellow or brown smoke which exits holes or spaces.***



**7. If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, STAY IN THE ROOM with the door closed.**

**8. SIGNAL FOR HELP using a brightly colored cloth at the window.**

**9. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and TELL THEM WHERE YOU ARE.**

**10. Before fire goes out of control, try to put out the fire by using fire extinguisher. (or a bucket full of sand)  
If fire is bigger than a basket, consider making an exit.**



**USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER**  
P - pull the pin  
A - aim at the base of the fire  
S - squeeze the lever slowly  
S - sweep from side to side





Let's fight fire using

**"F.I.R.E."**



**F** - ind or **CALL** your local authority.



**I** - nform them **IMMEDIATELY** that there is a fire accident nearby.



**R** - elax and be calm but be **ALERT!!!**



**E** - xit quickly but with **ORDERLY** manner in the place where there is fire.



# TEST TIME!!!

Answer it: True or False.

- 1) A fire escape plan needs to include at least one escape routes for every room in the home and a convenient meeting place at a safe distance. ☐
- 2) Once you are out, go in to rescue others. ☐
- 3) If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit. If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If the door is warm, use your second way out. ☐
- 4) If smoke, heat, or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a brightly colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are. ☐

Answer Key:

1) False, there should be at least

escape route.

2) False, don't come inside and

immediately call your local authorities.

3) True

4.) True





Bring out the **ARTIST IN YOU...**Color this fast!

Bring life to this picture...Be as creative as you can be!

**Start burning this page with your crayons...**

Color this picture lively!



# REACT

upon discovery of Fire:

**R** - emove persons in immediate danger.

**E** - nsure that doors are closed.

**A** - ctivate located (i.e. health

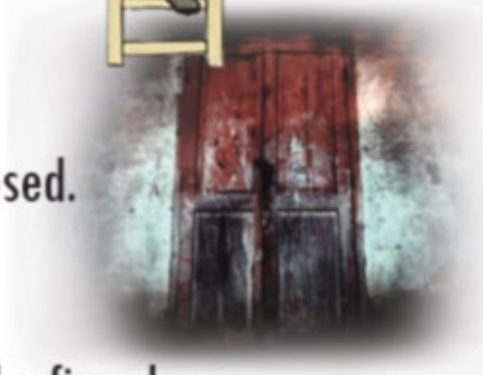


the fire alarm in the barangay barangay hall or center).

**C** - all local fire department.

**T** - reat all fires as **DANGEROUS!!!**

• Continue a complete community evacuation.





Practice **“EDITH”** at home

## Exit Drills In The House

- Crawl low to avoid smoke
- Find the nearest exit point
- Meet outside



\*\*\*Remember\*\*\*

**Don't fight fire if you don't know what is burning...  
wrong actions can make things worse.**

*OK, Fire is OUT... Now, **What** ???*

- Watch the fire area
- Ensure that fire department inspects your home or the site where there has been fire.
- Remove the things that may cause additional harm, like broken glasses or shattered pieces of wood, and etc.

**It's a MUST to Contact your  
Local Fire Department!!!**



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