HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FIRE AND ITS HAZARDS
DID YOU KNOW???

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.
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 housekeeping: 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.

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 - Find or CALL your local authority.

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

R - Relax and be calm but be ALERT!!!.

E - Exit 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 route for every room in the home and a convenient meeting place at a safe distance.  TRUE

2) Once you are out, go in to rescue others.  FALSE, don’t come inside and escape route.

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.  TRUE

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.  TRUE

Answer Key:

4.) True
3.) True
2.) False, don’t come inside and escape route.
1.) False, there should be at least
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 - remove persons in immediate danger.

E - ensure that doors are closed.

A - activate located (i.e. health the fire alarm in the barangay barangay hall or center).

C - all local fire department.

T - treat 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!!!