

## 70% of those in fire accidents fall victim at night!

When you're asleep, you don't notice the smoke. Smoke detectors release a loud warning alarm when a small amount of smoke is detected. Only this warning alarm of the smoke detector can ensure that you wake up and are able to react according to the situation. Only then will there remain enough time to extinguish the fire or leave the area of danger quickly.

- Smoke detectors save lives!
- Smoke detectors are inexpensive, easy to fit and are available in DIY and electrical stores.
- Safe products comply with DIN EN 14604 and are marked with the VdS seal of approval.



## Correct action saves lives!

Every fire starts off small. Usually negligence, carelessness and disorder are the actual causes of fires. Such small fires become large ones that cause tremendous damage. It usually only takes a few minutes until a room, and then the entire home, is up in flames; during which people are often injured or killed.

With this information, we aim to give you some tips on how you can act correctly during a fire and how you can successfully and effortlessly protect yourself against fires as part of your daily routine.



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## Correct action saves lives!

- **Keep calm** and act prudently!
- **Warn** your family members and housemates!

- **Call the fire brigade.**

Call the emergency **number 112** and give them the following information:

- 1. Where** has it happened?  
Give the exact place name.
- 2. What** has happened?  
Are there people in danger?
- 3. Who** is calling?  
Give name and location.
- 4. Wait**  
for questions from the emergency phone-operator.

- **Fire-fighting!**

Only extinguish the fire if you feel you are capable of doing so and if it is possible for you to do so safely.

- **Bring yourself to safety!**

Leave the building as quickly as possible and take those in need of help with you. Should access to the fire escape be blocked by smoke or flames, stay in the home or in your room. The smoke can be toxic.

Make yourself visible to the fire brigade at the window.

- **Do not jump out of the window!**
- **Do not use lifts!**



- **Shut the doors!**

When leaving the home or the room with the fire, be sure to shut the doors.

- **Wait!**

Wait for the fire brigade and make yourself visible!  
**They will reach you within a few minutes.**

## Avoid danger of fire!

### A few tips for your safety:

- Never smoke in bed. Only leave cigarette or cigar ashes in fire-proof bins.
- Never leave an open flame (e.g. candles) unattended!
- Never leave turned-on electrical appliances such as irons, stoves or coffee-machines unattended. Always turn off the appliances after use!
- Leave gas and electrical appliance repairs to a qualified technician!
- Clear out the attic and cellar space. Always keep doors to the cellar, attic and garage shut!
- **Don't keep objects on stairwells, halls or landings. In case of fire, these block the escape route!**

