



Fire Safety and People with Disabilities

Each year, according to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 2,655 deaths and 13,025 injuries occur as the result of residential building fires. Declining mobility, health, sight, and hearing may limit a person's ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency. Special populations such as people with

disabilities, the deaf or hard of hearing, and the visually impaired can increase their chances of surviving a fire by practicing proven fire safety precautions. It is imperative for these individuals to have and practice a home fire escape plan relevant to their needs and ensure working smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home.



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For information and resources on this subject, visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus