



Sprinkler Trailer / Fire Safety House Emergency Contacts

Refer to the following list for all emergency issues:

Program Issues

- **Charlie Johnson** (508) 989-4506 Cell
Pub Ed Unit (978) 567-3387 DFS (Office)

Trailer Issues

1. **Dave McMorrow** (774) 248-4029 Cell
Support Services (978) 567-3290 DFS (Office)
2. **Rick Stevens** (978) 855-7892 Cell
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How to Reserve the Fire Safety House / Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer

Step #1 - Contact DFS - Scheduling Department

Abby Baker -- (978) 567-3205 / Abby.Baker@state.ma.us
(Scheduling Coordinator)

Provide the following:

- Fire department name
- Date & time of event
- Location (street address) of event
- Contact name & phone number
- *Sign & return* “Memorandum of Agreement (Contract)”

Note: This document is a DFS requirement and will be sent by the DFS Scheduler.

Step #2 - The host fire department will be contacted by the DFS – Public Education Unit

Charlie Johnson -- (978) 567-3387 / Charles.Johnson@state.ma.us
(Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer / Fire Safety House – Program Coordinator)

The following will be verified:

- Availability of a **trained operator** to over-see trailer operation
- Availability of a secure **trailer site** (Required for overnight arrangements)
- Details of **delivery/pick-up** of trailer.
 - Date of set-up / pick-up (This may be different than actual event dates)
 - Contact name & phone number of person assigned to meet DFS Driver.
This person will receive keys and the lock box code for trailer access.
 - Travel plan and delivery instructions (Coordinated with DFS Driver and FD Contact)
 - Submittal of a **site plan** showing location of trailer site and delivery issues.
- Overview of **community program** (Helps determine additional resources needed).

Note: DFS “Support Services has final approval of transportation schedule and site arrangements”.

LESSON PLAN

Topic:

Fire Safety & Residential Fire Sprinkler Demonstration Program

Learning Objectives:

- Review how to stay safe from fire in your home by having working smoke alarms, a practiced home escape plan, and knowing how to use 9-1-1 to report an emergency.
 - Demonstrate the value of home fire sprinklers utilizing the Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer.
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Fire Safety House

1. Smoke Alarms

- Explain that “working” smoke alarms protect us by constantly checking for smoke and by providing early warning so we can get out safely.
 - Explain that fresh batteries are needed for smoke alarms to work properly. A good way to remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms is to change them in the spring and in the fall, when you “Change your Clocks”.
 - Explain that all smoke alarms in your home should be tested at least once a month. Use a broom handle if you can’t reach them.
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2. Home Escape Plans

- Explain that a Home Escape Plan is a plan that explains what every member of your family should do and where they should go in the event of a fire in your home.
- Explain why knowing Two Ways Out of a burning home is important.

Examples include: doors and windows.

- Explain that a Meeting Place is a safe place located outside for everyone to meet in an emergency. Explain that the meeting place should be only one location that's located away from the house and in a place where firefighters can see you when they arrive.

Examples of Meeting Places: mailbox, driveway, sidewalk, tree.

- Explain that home escape plans should be practiced the same way fire drills are practiced at school. Explain that school fire drills help to teach students when they hear fire alarms sounding, they are to exit the school (or home) quickly and go to their meeting place outside.
- Explain that you should never try to hide from fire.

Explain that if you are unable to get out, you will need to try to alert someone outside by doing one of the following: Make loud noise, Call 911, Attract attention (hang clothing or throw items out window).

- Perform a Fire Drill to reinforce home escape lesson.

Utilize smoke machine -- Student Permission Slips may be required due to smoke use.

3. Calling 911

- Explain how to report an emergency by calling 911.

Ask the group to list the type of help that you can receive by calling 9-1-1. (Police, Fire, and Ambulance).

- Explain what type of information should be given when calling 9-1-1. (Type of emergency, name / address / phone number)
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Home Fire Sprinkler - Demonstration

4. Sprinkler Demonstrations

- Using the Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer, perform a live-fire sprinkler demonstration.
Refer to the [Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer Handbook](#) for procedures on set-up and trailer operation.
 - Answer questions from the public regarding Residential Fire Sprinklers.
Refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) handout.
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5. Program Review

Use questions and discussion to review the following:

- Review how to stay safe from fire in your home by having working smoke alarms, a practiced home escape plan, and knowing how to use 9-1-1 to report an emergency.
 - Review the value of a Residential Fire Sprinkler System.
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Additional Information:

- Department of Fire Services, DFS www.mass.gov/dfs
- National Fire Protection Association, NFPA www.nfpa.org
- Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, www.homefiresprinkler.org
- National Fire Sprinkler Association www.nfsa.org
- United States Fire Administration, www.usfa.dhs.gov