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Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon Monoxide alarms are very different from smoke alarms. The purpose and placement are entirely different.
- Carbon monoxide detectors should typically be placed low - follow all manufacturer instructions.
- Test carbon monoxide alarms regularly - once a month is the recommendation.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds - immediately get outside. Do not open windows or doors. Call 911.
- During or after a snowstorm, ensure dryer vents, furnace vents, the stove and fireplace are clear from snow.
- If the trouble signal sounds, check the batteries. If it continues to sound, treat it as real - evacuate and call 911.
- Do not allow vehicles to idle while inside the garage.
- Always use generators in well-ventilated areas, ideally outdoors.
- Gas and charcoal grills also emit carbon monoxide - only use these outdoors.



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Do you have carbon monoxide alarms in your house? When was the last time you tested it? Make sure you check the manufacturer recommendations for placement to make sure it works as designed.

FIREPLACE SAFETY CHECKLIST

When was the last time you had your fireplace cleaned? When was the last time you emptied the ashes? Schedule some time to get your fireplace and chimney in good working order before winter!

FIREPLACE SAFETY



*Purchase fireplaces/pellet stoves that have been tested in a quality laboratory.

*Have fireplaces, stoves and chimneys professionally installed & inspected prior to use.

*Burn only dry wood or dry seasoned wood pellets

*Regularly clean out the inside of the stove with a wire brush.
*Let ashes cool completely prior to removing them and disposing of them.

*Watch children while being used.

*Store ashes at least 10 feet away from the residence.

*Keep flammables at least 3 feet from the fireplace.



Which Type Do You Need?

- Class A:** Ordinary combustibles (cloth, paper, wood, etc...)
- Class B:** Combustible liquids, flammable liquids, oils, alcohols, solvents & flammable gases
- Class C:** Involves energized electrical equipment
- Class K:** Involves a cooking appliance with combustible cooking media (vegetable or animal oils or fats)
- Class D:** Involves combustible metals (magnesium, titanium, lithium, etc...)

FIRST AID FRIDAY - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

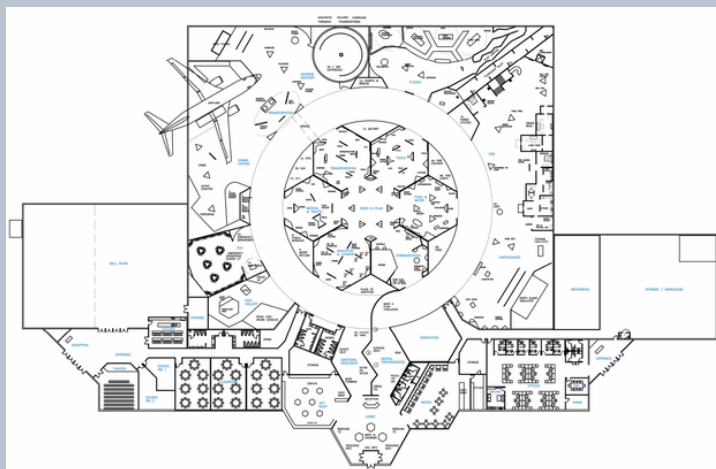
For First Aid Friday, we talked about the different types of fire extinguishers and how to know which one(s) you need. Most homeowners benefit from having an ABC fire extinguisher. Evaluate the flammables at your house or business and decide which is most applicable to your needs! Visit the website below to learn more about fire extinguisher placement.

<https://bit.ly/ExtinguisherPlacement>



UPDATE ON THE BUILDING DESIGN

The building and exhibit design committee has been busy and has produced a great floor plan for the Disaster Discovery Center. Check out our current plans and let us know what you think! We are currently working on the interior design phase.



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-BRADLEY LILLY



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