



# Teaneck Fire Department

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Teaneck Residents, Fire Blanket safety information and use

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Good morning before I answer your question about Fire Blankets , let's talk a little bit about fire safety :

1. Please ensure that you have working smoke and carbon dioxide detectors on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area.
2. Have an escape plan and meeting place outside the house if a fire should occur.
3. If you're going to use a fire extinguisher practice ahead of time. Remember to always call the fire department first. Never attempt to extinguish any fire with out first calling.
4. Make sure everybody's evacuated from the house before attempting to extinguish any fire.

Regarding fire blankets although they are an approved device. There are some things you need to know regarding your safety.

1. You will have to be very close to the fire.
2. They don't always cover or smother every item.
3. Always have your escape route to the back.
4. Always call the fire department first so they can respond.
5. Be careful not to get too close to the fire.
6. ALWAYS turn off any device FIRST, example stove turn the gas , prior to placing a blanket over the object.
7. Watch what clothing you may have on when applying the blanket, that it is not very loose or will melt if it catches on fire. 100 % cotton is the best to wear as it with will only burn and not melt to your skin.