

RV Safety

In 1993, two deaths, twelve injuries, many grass fires and over \$ 1 million in damages were caused by 182 motor home/travel trailer fires in the state of Oregon. As an RV owner, *YOU* can take a few simple precautions to eliminate these problems and help ensure your vacation is happy and trouble free.

CARRY A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND KNOW HOW TO USE IT!

- * Keep a 5 pound B-C type fire extinguisher handy, near the exit of your RV. Remember, you may be some distance from help when problems occur!

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN FIRE WARNING DEVICES!

- * Put at least one battery operated smoke detector (U.L. 217) in each RV. Check it often to make sure it's functioning properly!

KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS!

- * Extinguish open flames, such as pilot lights and put out any smoking material.
- * Do not operate electrical switches! Turning a switch ON or OFF will create a small spark that might cause an explosion!
- * Shut off the gas supply at the tank valves or gas supply connection
- * Open the doors and windows to allow the RV to air out. Leave the area until the odor clears.
- * Have the gas system checked and the leak fixed before using the system again.
- * Before operating your gas appliances, open a window and turn on the fan to provide plenty of fresh air.

NEVER USE GAS COOKING APPLIANCES TO HEAT YOUR RV. They're not designed for heating and the small space in your RV means you could suffocate!

KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOUR RV CATCHES FIRE!!!!

- * Have an escape plan and practice evacuating your RV!
- * Know where your fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.
- * Know how to summon help (CB radio, cellular telephone). REMEMBER, IT'S BETTER TO CALL FOR HELP RIGHT AWAY AND NOT NEED IT, THAN TO CALL AFTER A FIRE IS OUT OF CONTROL!

By following these safety tips and spending a little time preparing for your trip in advance, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable vacation for you and your family. HAVE FUN!!!!!!

Thank You Mary Ceglia for these great tips!



SMOKEY AND HIS FRIENDS ON PARADE!