

What to do if the door of your room is hot or smoke is dense in the corridor.

Don't panic. Stay in your room and you will survive the fire.

- Open window to ventilate the room if there is any smoke.
- Let someone know you are in the room.

If the phone works, call for help. Hang a bed sheet out the window to signal firefighters, but don't try to climb down.

- Fill the tub with water. It might be needed for fire fighting. Turn on the bathroom fan if it helps to clear the smoke from your room.
- Wet towels and sheets and put them around doors and cracks to keep smoke out of the room.
- Get fresh air.

Make a tent over your head with a blanket at a slightly open window to get fresh air. If flames and smoke comes from the floor under your window, don't open your window.

- As a last resort.

Finally, if your room becomes unbearable, you may be forced to make for the best exit. Keep low and do not panic.

Remember that few people are burned to death in fires. Most people die from the inhalation of smoke, poisonous gases and **PANIC**.

It's a good idea always to pack a flash light in your suitcase. You may need it to guide yourself through smoke or darkness.

HOW TO SURVIVE A HOTEL FIRE



FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

CHECK THE EXITS

Surviving a hotel fire begins right after you check in. When you get to your room take a few moments to note possible escape routes.

Walk down the corridor and find the fire exits.

Remember, never use the elevator in a fire - it may take you to a floor filled with smoke or flames.

Check the exits to make sure they are usable.

Do the doors open?
Are the stairways clear?

Count the doorways and any other features between your room and the exits.

If the corridor is dark and full of smoke, you'll need to know your way as you crawl along the wall to the exit.

If the hotel has a fire alarm system, find the nearest fire alarm.

Be sure you know how to use it. You may have to activate it in the dark or in dense smoke.



CHECK YOUR ROOM

It is important to know the layout of your room because you may have to stay in it if smoke in corridor cuts off your escape.

Many people have lived through a hotel fire by remaining in their rooms protected against smoke and gases while waiting rescue.

Put your room key somewhere where you can find it easily.

Remember to take it with you when you leave your room. You will need your room key to get back if smoke or fire blocks your exit.

Try the windows.

Do they open?
How do the latches work? Which one would you use in an emergency?

Look out of the window to see what is outside.

Is escape possible? You may be only a few feet from the ground and can get out this way if the corridor is not usable. If you are on an upper floor, there may be a roof or deck onto which you can climb safely.

Jumping from more than two floors usually results in injury.



FIRE! FIRE!

If fire begins in your room, report it to the telephone operator immediately and then only try to put it out if you're sure you can handle it. If you are in doubt, get out of your room and close the door behind you to keep smoke and flames out of the corridor. Sound the alarm and wake up your neighbour.

1. Take your key and make for the door.

If there is any evidence of smoke in the room, roll out of your bed and crawl to the door. Don't stand. Smoke and deadly gases rise.

2. Feel the door with the palm of your hand.

Do not open the door if either the door or the handle are hot. If the door is not hot, open it slowly and be ready to slam it shut if necessary.

3. Check the corridor.

If everything is clear, walk to the nearest exit.

4. Walk down to the ground level.

Fire generates heat and smoke creating panic, so hold the handrail for guidance and protection against being knocked down by occupants rushing down.

