



# Hotel & Motel Safety

Vacations and business travel make hotels and motels our home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what you would do in a hotel/motel emergency as it is in your own home.

## BE SAFE WHEN TRAVELING!

- »» Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- »» When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.
- »» When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- »» Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.
- »» Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.
- »» If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.
- »» If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

For more information please call the River Forest Fire Department at 708-714-3562

## IF YOU CAN'T ESCAPE...

**SHUT** off fans and air conditioners.

**STUFF** wet towels in the crack around the doors.

**CALL** the fire department and let them know your location.

**WAIT** at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

## FACTS

- ❗ On average, one of every **12 hotels** or motels reported a structure fire each year.
- ❗ The majority of hotel fire deaths result from fires that started in the **bedroom**.
- ❗ **Cooking equipment** is the leading cause of hotel/motel fires.



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