CLOSED DOOR VS. OPEN DOOR

A CLOSED DOOR CAN REDUCE:

The temperature from a deadly **1,000 DEGREES** to a survivable **100 DEGREES.**

Carbon monoxide levels **BY 90%**

TEST YOUR DOORS

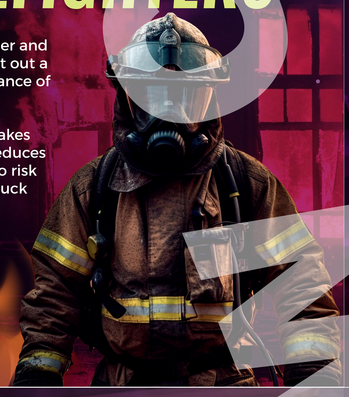
Keep clutter and potential obstructions away from doors in your home, and make sure they open and close correctly. If you live in an apartment building, test that all self-closing doors function properly.

- ? Does the door close completely after being opened fully?
- ? If there is a latch, does it engage?
- ? Are there any obstacles that might prevent the door from closing?
- ? Is there any damage to the self-closing mechanism?
- ? Are the hinges intact, loose, or missing?

HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF FIREFIGHTERS

Closed doors make it easier and safer for firefighters to put out a fire. This reduces their chance of being injured or killed.

Keeping a closed door makes easier to escape, which reduces the need for firefighters to risk their lives to save those stuck inside a burning home.



WHAT TO DO IN A FIRE

If you are able to escape a fire through a door, close the door behind you. This can help to prevent the spread of the fire.

The most important thing to do in a fire is to exit quickly and safely. Do not take extra time to go through the house and close doors that are not along your escape route. **GET OUT!!!**

WHERE THERE IS FIRE, THERE IS SMOKE

Closed doors limit the spread of fire and smoke. Fire-related fatalities are often caused by dangerous smoke.

SMOKE CAN BE DEADLY BECAUSE:

- It prohibits your lungs from getting the oxygen they need.
- It can prevent people from being able to find a safe exit.

IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Many new homes have an open-concept design, which makes it easier for fire to spread.

Many home furnishings are now made with synthetic materials that burn hotter and faster. Because of these changes, people have less time to react.

IN A FIRE, THERE IS LITTLE TIME TO ACT!!

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

AN OPEN DOOR DOES TWO DANGEROUS THINGS:

1. It allows fire to spread more easily into a room and ignite flammable materials.
2. It also makes it easier for oxygen to flow into the room. An open door acts as a pump feeding more fuel to the fire.

By limiting the flow of oxygen to a room, a closed can slow starve a fire of what it needs.

MAKE CLOSED DOORS PART OF YOUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

In addition to closing doors, make sure that you:

- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Replace smoke detector batteries twice per year.
- Have a fire escape plan for each room.
- Have a designated safe meeting spot.
- Regularly have home fire drills.

SAMPLE