



THE MANSFIELD

SAFETY **MINUTE**

OCTOBER 2012

- *Change the batteries in your smoke alarms.*
- *Do you have CO detectors? Check those too.*
- *Practice your home escape plan.*
- *Get your chimney/furnace/woodstove cleaned.*



FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

Take 20 minutes to complete a home self-inspection [checklist](#). It will help you find the most common home fire and safety hazards. It's on the fire marshal's document page at mansfieldct.gov

DON'T GET BURNED BY ASHES

Owners of fireplaces and woodstoves must be very careful about the disposal of ashes.

To be safe, simply treat all ashes and coals as hot, even when you think they had time enough to cool.

When it's time to dispose of ashes, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down.

Keep the container outside your home and away from any combustibles.

DO NOT place the container on a deck, porch, or near the outside wall of a building.

DO NOT use galvanized containers as hot coals on the metal release noxious fumes.

DO NOT place anything else in the container.

DO NOT use a combustible container.

OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

In 2011, there were 1,389,500 fires reported in the United States. These fires caused 3,005 civilian deaths, 17,500 civilian injuries, and \$11.7 billion in property damage. Children and the elderly are especially at risk in home fires because they are less able to escape when fire strikes. You can improve the chances that your family will survive a home fire by making sure that they can escape quickly if necessary. Here's what to do:

- Install smoke alarms in sleeping areas and on every level of your home .
- Plan your escape route, and practice using it.
- Can you beat the clock? A fire can kill in 3 minutes. Don't be caught—practice your escape!
- Teach your children not to hide from firefighters.
- Do not waste time saving property.
- Never open doors that are hot to the touch.
- Once out, STAY OUT.

CALLING 911 THE RIGHT WAY

Once you have dialed 911:

1. *Don't hang up!* Stay on the line until you are told its OK to hang up.
2. Stay calm and speak clearly.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Know the location of the emergency.
5. Know the number you are calling from.
6. Follow all directions.



WHY IS OCTOBER FIRE SAFETY MONTH?

The Great Chicago Fire began on October 8, 1871. It killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

No, it wasn't the cow's fault.

MANSFIELD HAPPENINGS

October 2012



All Month

Daily thru 10/31

Oct. 6 — 10 AM

Oct. 13 — 10 AM

Oct. 13 — 11 AM

Oct. 21 — 1 PM

WALKTOBER IN MANSFIELD

Family Activities at Cedar Ledge Tree Farm: tractor ride, hay bale maze, & more.

Games in the Woods; fun for the whole family at Dunhamtown Forest.

Ramble in Dorwart Preserve; easy 1 mile/1.5 hour hike suitable for ages 5 and up.

Spring Manor Farm: Then and Now; walking & local history storytelling, 2hrs, 2 mi.

Between A Rock & A Marshy Place; moderate 2 mile walk up to Wolf Rock.

Oct. 4 — 7 PM

TECHability AT THE LIBRARY



Introducing a new series of programs for people wanting to learn more about living in a technical world. Can't make that Kindle, Nook, iPad, whatever, download ebooks or audiobooks? Frustrated? Don't be! We will show you how you can borrow ebooks for free from the library's web site. We have a Nook, a Kindle, and a few iPads available to play with, and you are welcome to bring your own.

Oct. 9 — 7:30 AM-5:30 PM **RECREATION RESCUE AT MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Recreation Rescue, for children in grades K-8, is held on school staff professional days. This one day camp includes creative games, activities and a field trip. Detailed flyers are distributed to the schools prior to the dates. Space is limited, register early.

Oct. 9 — 2 PM

APPLE, PUMPKIN & LEAF CRAFTS AT THE LIBRARY



Create something special with fall flora. For children of all ages! No registration required for this 1 1/2 hour program.

Oct. 26 — 6 PM

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE LIBRARY



Spooky (but not *too* spooky) fun for the whole family. Bring your favorite goblins and gremlins for special treats and games. The party ends at 7:30 PM.

Oct. 26—28

A PLAY, *Almost Maine*, AT E.O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL



The Drama Club presents the romantic comedy, *Almost Maine*, in the high school auditorium. On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine.

Oct. 27 — 5 PM

HALLOWEEN PARTY/TRICK A TRUNK AT COMMUNITY CENTER



Dress up in your costume a few days early and join us for an early evening of fun including games, activities and some trick-a-trunking. The fun continues until 6:30 PM. For all ages with an adult.



Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268

mansfieldct.gov

860.429.3336

Find us on
Facebook

