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**Re: Fire Prevention Week – October 9th – 15th**

**HAMILTON COUNTY, TN --- The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) announces Fire Prevention Week in October 9 – 15, 2022 and Hamilton County Office of Emergency Management urges everyone to test their smoke alarms and practice their escape plan in the event of a house fire. This year’s theme is “Fire Won’t Wait, Plan Your Escape.” This theme puts a focus the critical importance of developing or revising your escape plan with your family.**

**“Today’s homes burn faster and hotter than they used to, minimizing the amount of time they have to escape their home safely. In a typical house fire, you may have as little as two minutes to escape by the time your smoke alarms sound,” says HCOEM Director Chris Adams.**

**According to a NFPA, the place people feel safest from fire, is actually where they are at greatest risk, with three-quarters (74 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes.**

**For the latest information on FIRE PREVENTION, go to** [**www.hcesfire.org**](http://www.hcesfire.org)**.**

**Thanks**

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