

Maryland State Firemen's Association

Fire Prevention and Life Safety Committee

TIP Sheet: Close the Door!



# CLOSE THE DOOR MARYLAND

***Every second counts when a fire occurs in your home.***

There are several steps you can take to ensure that the spread of fire if occurs we ask that you follow these simple rules for a fire safe home.

Fire is getting faster. On average you have less than 2 minutes to exit your home in case of a fire. They say 40 years ago you had almost 17 minutes to leave your home. BUT ... Today due to the products that are in our homes that are made up of synthetic materials and furniture and the construction we know it makes it very limited.

Fire danger never sleeps. About half of the home fire deaths result from fires reported between the hours of 11pm to 7am, when most people are asleep.

Check your smoke alarms monthly. WE ask that you Install a 10 year smoke alarm that the battery is sealed.

Have a family escape plan. Ensure your family knows what to do in an emergency.

***KNOW to stay out and NEVER go back in.***

**SO WE ASK...**

**ALWAYS** KEEP your bedroom doors **CLOSED** when sleeping.

**ALWAYS** Close ALL doors behind you when escaping a room/building that's on fire.

**ALWAYS** Keep fire doors closed. Never wedge, disable, or prop open fire doors in apartments or other buildings.

**SO *Maryland* we ask that you DO your part and "CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE!"**

