



AFTER THE FIRE

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

**NEW JERSEY FIRE
STATISTICS 2009***

**26,625 FIRES WERE
REPORTED**

**71 NEW JERSEY
RESIDENTS PERISHED IN
FIRES IN 2009**

**432 NEW JERSEY
RESIDENTS WERE HURT**

**77 PERCENT WERE IN
RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

**80 PERCENT OF ALL
FIRES REPORTED WERE
IN RESIDENCES**

*** SOURCE NJDFS "FIRE IN NJ 2009"**

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE**



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***HINTS TO HELP
YOU COPE...***



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NOT ONLY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PREPARE FOR A FIRE BY INSTALLING SMOKE ALARMS PRACTICING YOUR ESCAPE PLAN AND CONSIDERING A HOME SPRINKLER SYSTEM, IT IS ALSO WISE TO PREPARE FOR WHAT HAPPENS AFTER IF A FIRE OCCURS.

PLEASE USE THIS PAMPHLET AS A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE IN THE EVENT A FIRE STRIKES.



AFTER THE FIRE

▶ CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF AGENCY SUCH AS THE RED CROSS OR SALVATION ARMY IF YOU NEED TEMPORARY HOUSING, FOOD AND MEDICINE.

▶ IF YOU ARE INSURED CONTACT YOUR AGENCY FOR SPECIFIC WAYS TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY. CONDUCT INVENTORY FOR FIRE DAMAGE REPAIR CONTRACTORS. IF YOU ARE NOT INSURED TRY SOCIAL NETWORKS.

▶ CHECK WITH THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF IT'S SAFE TO ENTER . BE WARY OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE FIRE.

▶ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TELL IF UTILITIES HAVE BEEN DISCONNECTED, OR CALL YOUR LOCAL POWER COMPANY **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RECONNECT THEM YOURSELF.**

▶ CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF DAMAGED PROPERTY ITEMS. DO NOT THROW AWAY ANY DAMAGED GOODS UNTIL AFTER AN INVENTORY IS MADE.

▶ IF YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME TELL THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW YOUR DWELLING IS OCCUPIED.

▶ RETAIN ALL RECEIPTS SPENT FOR FIRE DAMAGE RELATED REPAIR TO SUBMIT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY .

▶ CONSULT THE IRS OR AN ACCOUTANT ABOUT SPECIAL BENEFITS FROM ONE TIME FIRE LOSS.

▶ CONTACT THE MORTGAGE HOLDER.