



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Renton Regional Fire Authority

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION

August 2023

Fire Extinguishers:

Portable fire extinguishers can save lives and property by putting out small fires. Fires grow and spread quickly.

Use a fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area. Fires grow and spread quickly.

Use a multi-purpose extinguisher (ABC) on all types of home fires

To operate an extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

P-Pull the Pin

A-Aim at the base of the fire

S-Squeeze the lever

S-Sweep the nozzle from side to side



Fire extinguishers should always be stored near an exit. This ensures that you have an exit behind you and do not get trapped by the fire. The fire extinguisher shown in the image (right) is an ABC type extinguisher. This is the most common extinguisher and is recommend that all homeowners have. The larger the fire extinguisher, the more fire it will extinguish. However, larger fire extinguishers are also heavier. If you are unable to lift or handle it, you may not be able to use it when you need it most.

"Close Before You Doze"

Do you sleep with your bedroom door closed at night? Closing your bedroom door before you go to sleep is a simple step you can add to your families nighttime routine to keep all safe. A closed door can isolate the fire's flow, reduce room temperatures, and keep carbon monoxide levels down. It's as simple as that - closing your door can help slow the spread and even stop a fire.

Display Your Address Properly

You can help emergency responders locate your house by properly displaying your address and following some guidelines:

- **Use Large Numbers:** Every single-family house should use numbers at least 4" high. Multiple dwellings units such as apartments and duplexes, as well as non-residential buildings should use numbers that are at least 6" high. Commercial or industrial units should be at least 18" high.
- **Be Visible in the Dark:** Put the numbers on your house or under a light. Numbers must be of contrasting color to the background.
- **Be Visible from Both Directions:** Numbers on your mailbox should be posted on both sides. Emergency vehicles may not arrive from the same side as a mail carrier.
- **Locate Near the Road:** If your home is not visible from the street, post numbers so that they are clearly visible from the road.
- **Uncover the Numbers:** Move anything that may obstruct a clear view (bushes, flower baskets, flags, etc.)



We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You!



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BEFORE YOU DOZE

FIRE IS GETTING FASTER

Because of modern synthetic materials and furniture, fire is up to 7x faster. Closed doors slow down fire growth.



Significant Incidents

Significant Incident Monthly Summary: August 2023

- 1,798 Total Incidents (RFA Responses)
- 9 Significant Incidents
- 3 Significant EMS Calls
- 6 Significant Fire Calls
- 8 Significant Malicious False Alarm Calls

Incident Details:

- On July 1, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a residential fire in Station 11's area on the 2100 block of NE 6th Pl. Renton RFA responded with King County Fire District #20. Units arrived on scene at a one-story residence with smoke coming from the front of the house and found several neighbors putting water on the fire. Firefighters began their fire attack, quickly putting out the fire. After a primary search of the first floor was conducted, crews found two dogs and safely removed them from the building. Basement search was completed then a secondary search of the first floor, with nothing found. The fire was determined to be accidental.
- On July 4, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a residential fire in Station 13's area on the 18900 block of SE 113th Way SE. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and King County Medic One. Units arrived on scene at a small 2-story house with heavy smoke from the back of the structure. There were reports of an outside gazebo fire that extended to the house. Firefighters began their fire attack, completed a primary search, and checked for fire extension in the attic. Command requested an upgrade to a second alarm and additional units were dispatched. Crews put out the fire, began ventilation and reported one patient with smoke inhalation. The patient refused treatment or transport but Medic One remained on scene. The fire was ruled undetermined.
- On July 6, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a commercial fire in Station 15's area on the 800 block of N 10th St at The Landing commercial center. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority and King County Medic One, and Renton Police. There were reports of flames on the roof caused by fireworks and building security attempted to extinguish the fire. Units arrived on scene to a large commercial occupancy with the roof on fire. Renton PD was requested for crowd control. Crews began their fire attack, primary search and checked for fire extension in the main fire unit. The ladder engine extinguished most of the fire from the roof. Firefighters checked for fire extension in the surrounding businesses. Crews conducted a secondary search of all units then issued an all-clear. This incident resulted in significant water damage to three businesses. The fire investigator conducted their investigation, and the fire was determined to be caused by fireworks.
- On July 9, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a commercial fire in Station 11's area on the 200 block of Sunset Blvd N. Renton RFA responded with King County Fire District 20, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, King County Medic One and Renton Police. There was a report of a dumpster fire behind a law office. Units arrived to find an exterior fire on the west side of the building and upgraded to a commercial fire. Crews conducted a 360 search, reporting no basement found. One unit was assigned to protect the Renton Inn, which was evacuated. Renton PD was requested for traffic control and crowd control. Firefighters attacked the fire, including a brush fire found on one corner of the building. The fire was contained to the office building and no injuries were reported. The fire was determined to be accidental.

- On July 13, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a vehicle/pedestrian accident in Station 17's area on the 15000 block of SE 177th Pl. Renton RFA responded with Renton Police and King County Medic One. Units arrived at an apartment complex parking lot to an injured patient on the ground who was struck by a vehicle. Crews treated the patient then transferred care to KC Medic One. One unit assisted the medics in transporting the patient to hospital.
- On July 13, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a commercial fire in Station 13's area on the 10600 block of SE 172nd St. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, King County Fire District #20, King County Medic One and Tri-Med. Enroute, one unit noticed a thermal column and the incident was upgraded to a working fire. Units arrived on scene at a 5-story apartment building with a fire on a deck of the 5th floor. Crews completed a 360 search around the building and primary search to the 5th floor. The building's standpipe (designated water source) was inoperable due to vandalism and missing fittings. Once the water supply was established, crews began their fire attack. One unit reported one victim located on the balcony that was on fire, then confirmed they were uninjured and exiting down the stairs. Another unit evacuated the 5th floor. Once the fire was extinguished, crews checked for fire extension and any hot spots, with nothing found. KC Medic One arrived and was assigned patient care. One patient was treated then transferred to Tri-Med for transport to hospital. The fire investigation was ruled accidental.
- On July 14, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a shooting incident in Station 11's area on S 4th St and Morris Ave S. Renton RFA responded with Renton Police, and King County Medic One. Units arrived on scene to find one patient with a gunshot wound and one individual with the victim. Renton Police was the first on scene and began CPR. Crews took over patient care, continuing CPR. KC Medic One arrived and took over patient care, then continued resuscitation efforts. The patient was later pronounced dead, and the scene was turned over to Renton PD.
- On July 17, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a brushfire in Station 13's area on the 3000 block of SE Royal Hills Dr in the wooded area between the Shadow Hawk condominiums. Renton RFA responded with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, Eastside Fire & Rescue, King County Fire District 20, King County Medic One and Renton Police. Units arrived on scene to a 100' x 200' creeping brushfire on a hillside next to heavy trees and blackberry bushes. The incident was upgraded to a three-alarm brush fire. There were children running in the area and homeless camps close to the fire area. Renton PD was requested to assist with crowd control. All responding units worked together to extinguish the brushfire. One unit remained on scene overnight to watch for flare ups.
- On July 31, 2023, Renton RFA responded to a small aircraft crash in Station 11's area on the 600 block of W Perimeter Rd at the Renton Municipal Airport. Renton RFA responded with King County Fire District #20, Boeing Fire Department, King County Medic One and Renton Police. Units arrived on scene to a small aircraft down in the infield between the runways with reports that it crashed upon takeoff. The two occupants self-extricated from the plane. Boeing Fire Department began triage then controlled the fuel leak. Renton RFA crews began patient care, providing treatment to the injured pilot. King County Medic One arrived on scene and took over patient care. King County Fire District #20 provided transport to a local hospital. The other occupant declined evaluation or treatment. The scene was turned over to Renton PD for investigation. Boeing Fire Department remained on site with their crash truck and command rig for cleanup.