The most important thing when a fire occurs is to **get out** of the house immediately <u>and</u> stay out and then call the fire department.

If you are behind a closed door, feel it with your hand before opening it.

If the door is hot, look for another possible exit out of the room. Make sure windows can be unlocked and opened, and security bars released.

If you are passing through a smoky area, stoop low so that your head is beneath the smoke.

If your clothes catch on fire, stop, gently drop to the ground, cover your face and roll to smother the flames.

Do not try to fight the fire; that will only delay your escape. Leave your possessions behind, and never go back into a burning building for any reason.