



## North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



# Safety Checklist: How safe is your neighborhood?

The primary concerns of NTFPD and MBFPD are your safety, and the safety of our firefighters. Below you will find a checklist of minimal safety measures that can help keep all of us out of harm's way.

- Do you have an escape plan in place, should you need to quickly evacuate your home?**
  - Key to your family's safety is planning and practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year. Start by identifying two escape routes out of each room, if possible, then make sure that each of those escape routes can be used safely by everyone.
  - For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
- Do you have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in your home?**
  - Install smoke alarms in every bedroom; outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide; CO alarms save lives.
  - For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)
- Is your neighborhood a Fire Adapted Community (FAC) & Do you have a leader?**
  - Communities in wildfire prone areas are working together to be fully prepared for wildfire. A "Fire Adapted Community" incorporates people, buildings, businesses, infrastructure, cultural resources, and natural areas to prepare for the effects of wildfire. Gain guidance from these FAC components and learn about specific actions you can take, no matter your role, to reduce your risk.
  - For more information, visit the Tahoe Resource Conservation website at <http://www.tahoercd.org>
- Have you had a defensible space inspection recently? Are you compliant with PRC 4291?**
  - In January 2005 a new state law became effective that extended the defensible space clearance around homes and structures from 30 feet to 100 feet. Proper clearance to 100 feet dramatically increases the chance of your house surviving a wildfire. This defensible space also provides for firefighter safety when protecting homes during a wildland fire.
  - For more information, visit [www.calfire.ca.gov](http://www.calfire.ca.gov)
- Are you aware of fire restrictions & fire codes within the NTFPD?**
  - It is your responsibility to know whether the District is within fire restrictions. The Fire and Life Safety Division at NTFPD and MBFPD follows all California Fire Codes, as well as codes specifically designed for the District.
  - Visit our website for more information: [www.ntfire.net](http://www.ntfire.net)
- Are you signed up for the Placer County Alert System?**
  - All public safety agencies in Placer, Sacramento, and Yolo counties have partnered to have a state of the art community notification system to alert residents about emergency events and other important public safety information. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.
  - To sign up, visit: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/sheriff/citizenalert>

### Questions or concerns or just need more information?

Call our Tahoe City Station 51 at 530-583-6911 or visit our website: [www.ntfire.net](http://www.ntfire.net)

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