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### **Governor Jay Inslee Proclaims Fire Prevention Week 2022**

**Olympia** – Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed October 9-15, 2022, as "Fire Prevention Week."

The proclamation commitments to public fire safety and prevention, including the importance of having a home fire escape plan and knowing how to respond to a smoke detector when it sounds to ensure the safety of families and their loved ones.

The lives of 76 individuals were lost during the reported 9,868 residential property fires across Washington State in 2021.

Every resident should have working smoke detectors in their homes and have a pre-planned, practiced escape plan in case of fire. For more information on fire prevention and escape plans, visit [wsp.wa.gov/state-fire-marshals-office](http://wsp.wa.gov/state-fire-marshals-office).

Thank you Governor Jay Inslee for supporting and dedicating this very important week of observance.

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# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, residential property fires caused 76 deaths in Washington in 2021, and fire departments in Washington responded to 9,868 residential property fires; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before a person can, alerting residents to danger in the event of fire in which there may be as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, residents should ensure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and knows how to respond, and confirm their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire, and people who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week reminds Washingtonians it is important to have a home fire escape plan, including ensuring they have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors which residents familiar with and know how to respond, and a fire escape plan they have planned and practiced;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as

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in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this important observance.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee



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