

# Fire Emergency Checklist

Fire can be one of the most traumatic and disruptive events a homeowner or business can face. Often times smaller and more localized fire damage can be repaired while the home or business is occupied. Unfortunately, larger and more extensive damage may require temporary relocation of occupants and contents. To make matters even more complicated, a structure fire can result in damage that goes much deeper than the obvious visual and structural damage. There can be water damage as a result of fire extinguishing efforts, smoke staining, and embedded odor issues in furniture, walls, and other content, and hidden structural problems.

## **Do:**

- Contact a professional Fire Restoration company immediately to board up broken windows, roofs and other penetrations in order to prevent additional damage.
- Leave the HVAC system off until a trained professional can check the system.
- Close registers to stop particles of soot from getting in or out of the HVAC system.
- Limit movement in the home to prevent soot particles from being embedded into the upholstery and carpet.
- Provide temporary power if there is a chance of pipes breaking causing further damage.

## **Don't:**

- Attempt to wash any walls or painted surfaces without first contacting a professional Fire Restoration company.
- Attempt to shampoo carpet or upholstered furniture
- Attempt to clean any electrical appliances (TV sets, radios, etc.) that may have been close to the fire, heat or water.
- Consume any food or beverage that may have been stored close to the fire, heat or water. They may be contaminated.
- Turn on ceiling fixtures if the ceilings are wet. Wiring may be wet or damaged and cause electrical shock, and air movement may create secondary damage.
- Send garments to the dry cleaner. Improper cleaning may set smoke odor.

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