



# Fire safety



**TASK  
TIME  
ONLINE**

GO ONLINE by visiting your newspaper's website. You'll find the address on the front page. Look for the NiE logo at the top of the page and click. This will link you to APN's NiE webpage.

## Fire Escape Plans

IN A fire, you only have a few minutes from when an alarm sounds to when your life is threatened by fire or smoke. It is important you practise an escape plan, and that everyone at school and home knows what to do in an emergency. Go online and make a fire escape plan.



## QUIZ TIME

Each week we will test your knowledge on what's been happening in the news. For the answers visit NIE online.

- 1 EDUCATORS are going into schools across NSW to teach children how to interact with which animal in a new Responsible Pet Education program?
- 2 WHICH Australian tennis player asked the chair umpire to eject his father/coach during a recent tournament in the USA?
- 3 THE 100th anniversary of the sinking of which ship will be observed on April 15?



PHOTO: AAP

## WHAT'S NEWS

### Hitting bottom feels good

FOLLOWING years of preparation, filmmaker James Cameron became the first person to reach the deepest point of the ocean's floor in a submarine mission.

It took four hours to complete the near 11 kilometre descent.

The Titanic and Avatar director set off close to the island of Guam in the west Pacific to go down to the Mariana Trench's Challenger Deep. With support from National Geographic, a partner in the mission, Cameron embarked on the solo trip in a sub that he described as a "vertical torpedo" outfitted with 3D cameras and a tower of LED bulbs to capture video footage of the alien world, some 10,900 meters below the surface.

### Diamond run

SYDNEY doctor Terry Diamond ran seven marathons in seven days to raise money for research into a rare genetic eye disease. The Eye-Con Run, saw Diamond run solo past many Australian icons – the beaches in Perth between Fremantle and Cottesloe, Parliament House in Canberra where he was joined by Australian Institute of Sport athletes, Uluru, the Great Ocean Road in Victoria and Gold Coast beaches. In Sydney, he ran his last leg from Manly to Bondi. Each of the 42.2km legs was to raise awareness and urge the government to provide funding for more research.

\* Calculate how many kilometres Dr Diamond ran altogether.

Devastating fires often occur in homes throughout Australia resulting in the loss of property or worse the loss of life. It is vitally important that you educate yourself about the many dangers of fires and what to do in the event of an emergency or life threatening situation involving a fire. By planning ahead there's a lot you can do to prevent a fire and stay safe in the event of a fire.

### INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke alarms warn you of a fire in time to let you escape. Installing an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms and testing them regularly is the first step in your home fire safety plan.

### PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Draw a grid of your home and plan two ways out. Choose a meeting place outside. Practice the plan regularly.

### TAKE CARE WHEN COOKING

Approximately a third of all home fires start in the kitchen. Never leave cooking or other open flames including candles or oil burners unattended.

### MATCHES / LIGHTERS ARE TOOLS NOT TOYS

Matches or lighters can be extremely dangerous in the hands of a child.

### STOP, DROP, COVER, ROLL

If your clothes catch fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face and roll over to smother flames.

### CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE

The cleanest air will be closest to the floor. Get

## DID YOU KNOW?

It is compulsory for all homes in NSW to have at least one working smoke alarm.

Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43% of all fire fatalities occur in winter.

The majority of fire related injuries occur in the home.

Results show that one in five Australians take down or remove the battery of their smoke alarm when it is accidentally triggered by cooking.

down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

### BE ABLE TO UNLOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS EASILY

Make sure the keys are readily accessible and the doors and windows can be opened easily.

### GET OUT AND STAY OUT THEN CALL 000

Never go back inside. If you think someone is trapped inside, tell the firefighters when they arrive. Call 000.

LINK Conducting a home fire safety audit will give your family a better idea of the fire risks in your home. You can do this online <http://www.homefiresafetyaudit.com.au/>

## CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY

IN ACCORDANCE with the end of daylight saving residents should have changed both their clocks and their smoke alarm batteries on Sunday, April 1.



## NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC:

Happy Holidays