



**NEW JERSEY FIRE
STATISTICS 2013***

**23,403 FIRES WERE
REPORTED**

**60 NEW JERSEY
RESIDENTS PERISHED**

**50 PERCENT OF
FATALTIES OCCURRED IN
RESIDENCES**

**80 PERCENT OF ALL
FIRES REPORTED WERE
IN RESIDENCES**

* SOURCE NJDFS "FIRE IN NJ 2013"

***A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE
SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE***



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Chris Christie
Governor



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NOT ONLY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PREPARE FOR A FIRE BY INSTALLING SMOKE ALARMS PRACTICING YOUR ESCAPE PLAN AND CONSIDERING A HOME SPRINKLER SYSTEM, IT IS ALSO WISE TO PREPARE FOR WHAT HAPPENS AFTER IF A FIRE OCCURS.

PLEASE USE THIS PAMPHLET AS A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE IN THE EVENT A FIRE STRIKES.



AFTER THE FIRE...

▶ **CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DISASTER RELIEF AGENCY SUCH AS THE RED CROSS OR SALVATION ARMY IF YOU NEED TEMPORARY HOUSING, FOOD AND MEDICINE.**

▶ **IF YOU ARE INSURED CONTACT YOUR AGENCY FOR SPECIFIC WAYS TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY. CONDUCT INVENTORY FOR FIRE DAMAGE REPAIR CONTRACTORS. IF YOU ARE NOT INSURED TRY SOCIAL NETWORKS.**

▶ **CHECK WITH THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEE IF IT'S SAFE TO ENTER . BE WARY OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE FIRE.**

▶ **THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TELL IF UTILITIES HAVE BEEN DISCONNECTED, OR CALL YOUR LOCAL POWER COMPANY **DO NOT** ATTEMPT TO RECONNECT THEM YOURSELF.**

▶ **CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF DAMAGED PROPERTY ITEMS. DO NOT THROW AWAY ANY DAMAGED GOODS UNTIL AFTER AN INVENTORY IS MADE.**

▶ **IF YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME TELL THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT SO THAT THEY WILL KNOW YOUR DWELLING IS OCCUPIED.**

▶ **RETAIN ALL RECEIPTS SPENT FOR FIRE DAMAGE RELATED REPAIR TO SUBMIT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY .**

▶ **CONSULT THE IRS OR AN ACCOUTANT ABOUT SPECIAL BENEFITS FROM ONE TIME FIRE LOSS.**

▶ **CONTACT THE MORTGAGE HOLDER.**

