

# Stay FIRE AWARE This School Year!

Some nontraditional "learning pods" may be used as classroom space to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To aid parents, caregivers and others, ask these important questions when visiting a nontraditional space that might be used as a classroom.



## ✓ Does the space have working fire alarms, fire sprinklers and/or smoke alarms?

If so, make sure the fire alarm or fire sprinkler system is operational by checking that it's received testing and inspections as possibly required. If not, contact your local fire department and ask if they participate in the "Get Alarmed, Tennessee!" smoke alarm program.



## ✓ Does the space have an emergency fire escape plan? Will fire drills be conducted?

Safety plans help keep everyone in your building safer when an emergency occurs. If you don't have an emergency plan, now is a good time to create one. A fire drill should simulate how the emergency exiting notice is given, which exits to take and where to assemble outside so no one has to ask those questions when a real fire occurs.



## ✓ Are the exits easy to find and access?

One of the most important aspects of fire safety is being able to safely exit the building. Make sure exit doors can be opened easily and that they are not improperly locked or blocked.



## ✓ Is there a stove being used in the learning space?

Cooking fires contribute to over 22 percent of fires in buildings other than restaurants in Tennessee. Never leave a stove or oven on and unattended.

Contact the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office with your questions. Call George Smith at (615) 604-4195 or Chris Bainbridge at (615) 741-6246.



*This list is not a comprehensive list of fire safety measures. For more information, visit [tn.gov/commerce](http://tn.gov/commerce) or contact our team.*