



FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
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Egress – Fire Drills

There is little doubt after last years devastating fires that you are with us in our belief that we need to be extremely proactive on this issue of fire protection. Fires are started by lightning, by careless campers etc - - hopefully never by a cabin owner! We intend to do our very best to assist you and to highlight all aspects of fire protection in and around the cabin area of Warm Lake. Please be alert to this letterhead as it is our primary way of communicating with you on this issue. We as a committee have no authority - - we are simply dedicated to this cause. You will be receiving important mailings from us in the next several months.

This first mailing is directed at the subject of “Egress and Fire Drills”. In other words, avoiding fire traps. Having been in many of our cabins I have often noted this problem. We have lofts, other bedrooms were our children would be trapped if a significant fire were to break out in the kitchen – or perhaps at a fireplace. It is the nature of our cabin use – recreational buildings wherein we squeeze in as many folks as we can at times, perhaps without much concern for escape.

Fires develop rapidly – and even with working smoke detectors, there isn’t much time - - Some cabins have only one entrance – i.e. only one exit! Second floors are a significant problem for egress. Windows may or may not work as escape routes. Are you starting to visualize this problem for your cabin?

The solution to this problem is to establish escape routes that work and to practice fire drill evacuations. This may require modification of your cabin. Adding doors and windows that work - - providing emergency lighting - - adding rope ladders - - changing windows into fire safe escape routes. Our children practice fire drills at school - - why not at home – and especially here at our cabins?

Please contact us and arrange for one of our committee members to meet with you at your cabin to specifically address “Egress and Fire Drills” and other fire protection issues.

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