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**American Red Cross Offers Fire Safety Tips**  
*Greater Cleveland Chapter Recognizes Fire Prevention Month*

**Cleveland, Ohio – Oct. 2, 2006** – October is National Fire Prevention Month, and the American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter is asking all Clevelanders to update and rehearse fire evacuation routes, test smoke detectors, and inspect their homes and property for correctible fire hazards.

Recognize National Fire Prevention Month with these tips from the Red Cross:

- Install and maintain smoke alarms inside and outside each sleeping area, outside the kitchen and on each level of your home.
- Draw a floor plan of your home; mark two fire escape routes for each room.
- Select a safe outside place for everyone to meet in an emergency.
- Conduct a home fire drill at least twice a year with all family members.

The Greater Cleveland Chapter responds to an average of one fire per day every day of the year. National Fire Prevention Month comes at a critical time of year; the months of November through January contain the most fatalities in residential fires each year. Of all fatalities attributed to house fires yearly, four out of seven occur during November through January.

The Chapter will offer fire safety tips and distribute literature and information on smoke alarms during the month of October.

- Oct. 7, 2006 11:30 a.m. at Home Depot, 8199 Pearl Road, Strongsville
- Oct. 7, 2006 9 a.m. at Home Depot, 10800 Brookpark Road, Brooklyn
- Oct. 13, 2006 6 p.m. at Eaton Square, 28801 Chagrin Boulevard

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Staff and volunteers will also visit schools throughout the month to reinforce fire safety practices to children.

- Oct. 9, 2006 9 a.m. Audubon Elementary School, 3055 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Cleveland
- Oct. 10, 2006 1 p.m. Adlai Stevens, 3938 Jo Ann Drive, Cleveland
- Oct. 11, 2006 2:30 p.m. Gracemount 16200 Glendale Avenue, Cleveland

For additional information on fire safety or events, please visit [www.redcross-cleveland.org](http://www.redcross-cleveland.org) or call 216.431.3010.

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