

## DFES Home Safety Research

<b>Percentage of respondents concerned that a home fire will occur</b>	<b>49%</b>
Families with children	52%
First home owners	47%
Young people	44%

<b>Likelihood a home fire will occur, affecting you personally</b>	<b>19%</b>
Families with children	17%
First home owners	12%
Young people	28%

<b>Home fire concerns</b>	
Safety of family	83%
Loss of sentimental items	81%
Loss of property	74%
Dealing with insurance providers	44%
Being out of home	40%

<b>Actions people would take if there was a fire (ranked in order)</b>	
1	Try to put out the fire if it is small enough to do so safely
2	Gather children/family members
3	Call triple zero
4	Get out of the burning building

<b>Actions taken to protect from fires</b>	
Smoke alarms installed	95%
Smoke alarms tested and cleaned	66%
Regularly check heaters working order	65%
Leave key in or close to deadlocks	57%
Have fire extinguishers or blankets	40%

<b>Emergency and safety behaviours</b>	
I would re-enter a burning house to look for a missing family member <sup>1</sup>	92%
I would try to put out a small fire in my home before calling triple zero	92%
My smoke alarms protect me from fire in my home <sup>2</sup>	70%
I would re-enter a burning house to look for a missing pet <sup>3</sup>	56%
I sometimes leave cooking unattended, even for a short time <sup>4</sup>	44%
I have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket in my home	42%

Source: Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)

<sup>1</sup> DFES advises that people should never enter burning buildings and should always call 000 and wait for emergency services to respond.

<sup>2</sup> DFES advises that smoke alarms perform the vital function of alerting you to a fire, but do not protect you from fires or prevent them from starting.

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<sup>4</sup> DFES advises that cooking should never be left unattended.