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ALICIA: Hello.

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Welcome back to 7 Saturdays

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To a More Fire Resistant home.

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I'm your host, Alicia Mason.

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On today's episode,

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we'll be learning more simple ways

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to make the inside of your
home more fire resilient.

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As we all know, an emergency
can happen at any time,

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but that preparation is key

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for keeping yourself
and those you know safe.

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In this episode,

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we'll kick off by
learning how to make sure

00:00:32:19 - 00:00:34:19

your smoke detectors are functioning.

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Then, we'll tackle something

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that I personally would
like to learn more about,

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how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

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And to close out,

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we'll show you how to turn off your gas

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in the event of an emergency.

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But, I can't do this alone.

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So I'm bringing back

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the former Chief of the
Cal Fire Butte Unit,

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and now Senior Public
Safety Specialist at PG&E,

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David Hawks.

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DAVID: Thanks for having me back, Alicia.

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Today, we want to empower
people to take action

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and be better prepared

in the event of emergency

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that takes place in your home.

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The best part is these
tasks are simple to learn

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and can give you some peace of mind.

00:01:05:12 - 00:01:06:24

ALICIA: You had me at simple to learn.

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Where should we start?

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DAVID: Alicia, the first
thing you should do,

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is to make sure that your
home has a smoke detector

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and that you test them monthly.

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ALICIA: This is such an important step.

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I just replaced the batteries
in the smoke detectors

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in my house.

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DAVID: That's great, Alicia.

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Testing, placement, and maintenance

00:01:21:10 - 00:01:23:07
are key to making sure your
smoke detectors are working

00:01:23:07 - 00:01:24:09
to keep you safe.

00:01:24:09 - 00:01:26:07
ALICIA: Let's show folks
at home what we mean.

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DAVID: The National Fire
Protection Association

00:01:32:09 - 00:01:34:11
has found that smoke detectors save lives.

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And I've seen it firsthand,

00:01:35:12 - 00:01:37:08
where people have made it
out of their home alive,

00:01:37:08 - 00:01:39:28
during fires that occur at
night when they're asleep.

00:01:39:28 - 00:01:41:06
ALICIA: Well that is great to know.

00:01:41:06 - 00:01:43:18
So where should we put the
smoke detectors, David?

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DAVID: Smoke detectors should be placed

00:01:45:06 - 00:01:46:14
in every bedroom in the house,

00:01:46:14 - 00:01:48:04

in the hallway immediately
outside of bedrooms.

00:01:48:04 - 00:01:50:12

They should also be on
every floor in your home,

00:01:50:12 - 00:01:51:15

including the basement.

00:01:51:15 - 00:01:53:22

And it's important to check
your smoke detector monthly,

00:01:53:22 - 00:01:54:27

to make sure it's working properly.

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Let's test this one.

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ALICIA: Okay.

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DAVID: New smoke detectors, like this one,

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come with a 10 year battery.

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But after 10 years,

00:02:04:18 - 00:02:07:05

all smoke detectors should
be replaced with a new one.

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ALICIA: Well that was
something so simple and easy

00:02:08:27 - 00:02:11:04

that will keep our whole family safe.

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Now that we've checked the smoke detector,

00:02:13:03 - 00:02:15:29
what should we do if a small
fire breaks out in the home?

00:02:15:29 - 00:02:17:04
DAVID: I'm glad you asked, Alicia.

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A fire extinguisher is
a very important tool

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to have in the home,

00:02:22:23 - 00:02:25:08
in preventing small fires
from becoming bigger fires.

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There's also some things

00:02:26:06 - 00:02:27:22
that we need to know
about a fire extinguisher

00:02:27:22 - 00:02:29:02
before we use it.

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The first thing that you should check

00:02:29:27 - 00:02:32:15
is to make sure that the
extinguisher is charged

00:02:32:15 - 00:02:33:10
and ready to go.

00:02:33:10 - 00:02:34:05
In this case,

00:02:34:05 - 00:02:35:16

it says "full" and is in the green area.

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That's important.

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The other thing,

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is fire extinguishers should
be only kept for 12 years.

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The other important thing,

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is to know that fire extinguishers

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are for use in different types of fires.

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ALICIA: David,

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can you elaborate a little
bit more about those types?

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DAVID: Absolutely.

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This fire extinguisher is a 1A10BC,

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a good all purpose
extinguisher in a house.

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A Class A fire

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is a fire that you would
experience maybe in a trash can,

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with paper products,
and materials like that.

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A Class B fire is one that

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you may have a grease fire on the stove.

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And a Class C fire is an electrical fire

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that you might experience
like in a wall socket.

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The other thing to remember,

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you never want to delay

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letting your family know about the fire.

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So make sure your family
members know about the fire.

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Do not delay in calling 911.

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ALICIA: Okay, perfect.

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DAVID: Would you like to give it a try?

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ALICIA: I would love to, David.

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Let's go.

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DAVID: It's important to remember, for our demonstration,

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that we should always wear safety goggles and gloves

00:03:22:16 - 00:03:24:17

to protect us during our demonstration.

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With that, we're going to talk a little bit about

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how to use the extinguisher.

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It's important to remember the acronym, "PASS."

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PASS refers to:

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"Pull", pulling the pin.

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Grab firmly and pull the pin out.

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The "A" refers to "Aim."

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It's always important to aim at the base of the fire,

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never the flames themselves, but at the base of the fire.

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That first "S" refers to "Squeeze."

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The trigger is on top.

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This is a handle.

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The trigger is on top.

00:03:47:27 - 00:03:50:27

Squeeze the handle to discharge
the fire extinguisher.

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and the last "S" refers to "Sweep."

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Sweep from one side to the other,

00:03:55:05 - 00:03:57:06

at the base of the fire
and back and forth,

00:03:57:06 - 00:03:58:26

until the fire is fully extinguished,

00:03:58:26 - 00:04:01:07

discharging the fire extinguisher.

00:04:01:07 - 00:04:02:05

Before we demonstrate,

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we always want to be six feet away

00:04:03:19 - 00:04:05:10

from whatever the base of the fire is

00:04:05:10 - 00:04:06:21

that we're trying to extinguish.

00:04:06:21 - 00:04:07:16

Go ahead, let's try it.

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ALICIA: Okay.

00:04:08:14 - 00:04:10:04

So pull.

00:04:10:04 - 00:04:10:29

Okay.

00:04:10:29 - 00:04:12:13

I'm going to aim it.

00:04:12:13 - 00:04:13:18

Squeeze.

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Pretty good.

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DAVID: Excellent.

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ALICIA: Okay David,

00:04:23:21 - 00:04:26:22

I am ready to tackle the last goal for today's episode.

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What is it?

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DAVID: The last goal is to talk about the natural gas

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and the natural gas meter.

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This meter here serves the home

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and provides natural gas to the home.

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But it can be a safety
hazard and a fire problem,

00:04:38:14 - 00:04:40:01
if not properly treated.

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ALICIA: Okay,

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and where are these gas
meters usually located

00:04:43:02 - 00:04:44:14
on a property?

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DAVID: Gas meters are
typically on the front corner

00:04:46:06 - 00:04:47:01
of a home,

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nearest the street side,

00:04:47:27 - 00:04:49:21
but may also be around the corner,

00:04:49:21 - 00:04:51:17
like this particular meter here.

00:04:51:17 - 00:04:52:12
ALICIA: Okay.

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And can we touch on how
to properly turn it off?

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DAVID: Absolutely.

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This is a wrench designed specifically for the gas meter.

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The ideal location is to have that wrench in close proximity

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or even attached, as I'm showing here, to the gas meter,

00:05:05:13 - 00:05:06:29

so it's easily accessible.

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If you don't have a wrench like this,

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it's okay to use an alternative option,

00:05:10:28 - 00:05:13:07

much like this crescent wrench right here.

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The gas valve is located right here.

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And as you see, it's up and down.

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When it's in parallel position like this, it's on.

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To shut the gas valve off,

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and we should only do so if we suspect a gas leak,

00:05:24:22 - 00:05:28:05

and it's safe, and you feel
safe in shutting the gas off.

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If that's the case,

00:05:29:04 - 00:05:32:03

use the wrench, place it over the valve,

00:05:32:03 - 00:05:33:06

and as I simulate here,

00:05:33:06 - 00:05:34:28

we're going to just do a quarter turn.

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When it's like that, the valve is off.

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ALICIA: Okay.

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And correct me, David,

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but we should not turn
the gas back on ourselves.

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DAVID: Correct.

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You always want to call 911
first when there's a gas leak.

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The only time that you
want to turn it off,

00:05:47:25 - 00:05:49:04

is if you suspect a gas leak

00:05:49:04 - 00:05:51:17

and you feel safe to shut it off.

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But once the gas is off,

00:05:52:26 - 00:05:55:24

you should always call
PG&E to restore that gas.

00:05:55:24 - 00:05:57:19

PG&E will come out, free of charge.

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We'll restore the gas,

00:05:58:22 - 00:06:01:16

relight the pilot lights in
the home, and restore gas.

00:06:01:16 - 00:06:06:16

Call PG&E at 1-800-PGE-5000,
or 1-800-743-5000.

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ALICIA: Well thank you, David.

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These were definitely things

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that every homeowner should know.

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Using smoke detectors, fire extinguishers,

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and shutting off the gas,

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are essential ways to
help keep your home safe.

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DAVID: Exactly.

00:06:18:05 - 00:06:19:08

And to protect your family.

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ALICIA: Everyone watching,

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make sure to share our 7 Saturdays videos

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with those you know, living
in a fire prone area.

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What are we learning next week, David?

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DAVID: In our next and final episode,

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we will talk about ways

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to start building a fire
resilient community.

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You should get ready

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to introduce yourself to your neighbors,

00:06:33:22 - 00:06:34:24

if you haven't already.

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ALICIA: I'm looking forward to it.

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Thanks so much for joining us

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for 7 Saturdays To a Fire Resistant Home.

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We'll see you next week.

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on our previous episodes,

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