

# Safety Innovations

## A New Way Out Of A Burning Building

(NAPSA)—While National Fire Prevention Week is recognized in October each year, the need for fire safety is year-round.

The good news is that with a little planning, it's possible to make your home and family safer and better prepared to respond to a fire. Consider these tips:

- Make sure that you have at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make an escape plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes.
- Choose an outside meeting place a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped.
- Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.

In addition to creating prevention plans, some may want to invest in equipment designed to make it easier to get out of a building in the event the exits are blocked.

One such device is the LifeCenter Personal Escape System from American Escape Systems, Inc. Described as a one-of-a-kind portable escape product, it was created to allow people to safely descend from a multi-story building.

The system consists of a vest/harness, a specially designed descending device with ultra-high strength rope and a speed control knob. LifeCenter has been engineered to allow a safe descent with minimal speed adjustment.

The rope is said to be nearly twice as strong as stainless steel cable of the same thickness.

The device is said to be a safer method of escape than rope ladders



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since rope ladders require you to use both hands and feet to descend.

LifeCenter operates automatically, leaving hands and feet free to move around any objects you may encounter during descent such as window air conditioners and balconies.

According to the maker, the device can't tangle or sway in the wind while in use. Falling off is also not possible, since the user's body is attached to the device itself.

In addition to a consumer model, the manufacturer also makes a version of the device for firefighters.

To learn more or to order, visit the Web site at [www.lifecenter.com](http://www.lifecenter.com) or call 888-201-1850.