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- Means of escape should be clear and free from obstruction.
- Means of escape should be free from trip/slip hazards.
- Consider an alternative escape route in case the normal route gets blocked.
- All doors or windows for means of escape should open easily in the event of a fire; keep keys to door and window locks handy.
- If a window needs to be broken, use a heavy object to break the glass in the bottom corner, cover jagged edges of glass with a towel to avoid injury.
- Plan ahead together - prepare and agree an escape plan with those on board, including visitors.
- In the event of a fire everyone should, stay calm and get off the boat as quickly as possible.
- Everyone should keep low where the air is clearer.
- If clothing catches fire, stop, drop and roll. Use a fire blanket to smother the flames.
- Always try to remember the location of the boat; it will be essential information in the event of an emergency.
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 - Name of caller.
 - Location of incident i.e. Canal / River, Bridge Marker Posts, Landmarks etc.
 - Nature of emergency.
 - Which Service is required i.e. Police, Ambulance, Fire or Coastguard etc.
 - If anyone is trapped and where they are.
 - Speaking slowly and clearly.
 - Using mobile telephones, poor signal strengths etc.

Night-Time Routines

Key safety messages:

- Smokers Ensure that all cigarette ends are extinguished in ashtrays.
- Dispose of ashtray contents in suitable flameproof container.
- Isolate the gas supply to cooking appliances.
- Switch off and unplug all electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on.
- Make sure that all candles are correctly extinguished.
- Close solid fuel / oil room heater doors to prevent fumes / sparks entering the accommodation space, put up fireguards.
- A torch will prove invaluable in the event of an emergency. Check the torch to ensure it is in working order? Ensure that it is within easy reach.
- Keys should be located in a prominent position for use in the event of an emergency.

Smoke Alarms

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- A smoke alarm is a vital warning device that detects smoke at the earliest stages of a fire. This gives the occupier vital extra time to escape.
- Smoke alarms should be installed and tested to manufacturers' recommendations.
- Smoke alarms with 10 year batteries should be installed.
- Smoke alarms should be tested weekly to ensure their operation.
- Batteries should not, under any circumstances, be removed from smoke alarms.
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