



Greater Naples Fire Rescue District



Storm Shutter Safety

Did You Know?

- Storm shutters can greatly impede firefighting operations and limit the ability to ventilate a structure of toxic smoke and gases, and prohibits safe evacuation of trapped victims.
- Firefighters are forced to use power saws and other heavy equipment to gain access to doors and windows blocked by storm shutters.
- Keeping up your hurricane shutters all year as a way of protecting your home can actually attract burglars instead of deter them because they think that no one is home.



Facing the Facts



- There have been several instances in Florida where firefighters haven't been able to get into burning homes due to hurricane shutters being deployed outside of hurricane season.
 - In 2004, four children and an adult were killed in a house fire in Homestead, Florida.
 - That same year, a 53-year-old man was trapped inside his home in Fort Lauderdale during a fire.

Safety Tips

- All residential rooms are required to have two points of egress. If there is a fire, it is important to make sure you have a way to get out of your home.
- Establish an emergency escape plan and make sure everyone in the house is aware of how they should exit in the event of fire.

Hurricane shutters are not dangerous when used correctly. Make sure to only deploy shutters when there is an imminent threat of a hurricane in order to protect your home and your family.

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