

# Safety Alert



# **Hotel & Fire Safety**

## **Incident**

The following near-miss, based on a real scenario, was brought to my attention by our Operations Support Manager Miles Rigney, and I believe it is worth sharing.

A person narrowly escaped severe injury or possibly death when he was awoken by smoke from a large fire in the hotel he was staying. Neither the fire alarm nor the sprinkler system worked and his lucky escape were based on his awareness and the following actions.

#### **Actions**

- 1. After booking into your hotel room, always check, walk and familiarise yourself and any other people staying in your room, with the recommended escape route.
- 2. Seek out and familiarise yourself with <u>at least one alternative</u> <u>escape routes</u>.
- 3. Ensure you know how to trigger the fire/emergency alarms.
- 4. Always travel with a mobile smoke detector before leaving to your destination, make sure it works.
- 5. Keep a working battery torch next to your bed.
- 6. Before going to bed, ensure you have some water nearby keep a bottle next to your bed or fill the sink in the bathroom
- 7. In the event of a fire, leave your belongings behind, use the water to wet a towel to cover your head/face and evacuate immediately.

### These simple steps above could save yours and other peoples' lives.

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