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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TIP OF THE WEEK

ACFR encourages residents to practice safety in public places

DENVER, Colo. – Every day, millions of people go to work, school or other public places. Adams County Fire Rescue and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) would like to remind the public to be alert and prepared in public places, even during social events. Keep these safety tips in mind at public places:

• **Take a good look.** Before you enter a building, look around and see if the place looks in proper condition. Does the building’s condition make you uncomfortable? Are the doors wide and unblocked, allowing for easy entrance and exit?

• **Have a communication plan.** Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of an emergency and you become separated from the rest of your party.

• **Have a meeting place.** Pick a place to meet in the event of an emergency.

• **Have an exit plan.** Locate all available exits, keeping in mind some may be behind you. In an emergency, always use the exit nearest you, even if it’s not a main exit.

• **Make sure aisles are clear.** Make sure nothing or no one is obstructing aisles. If you don’t have at least two unobstructed exits, report the violation to management. Leave the location if it is not immediately addressed and call your local fire department to report the violation.

• **Trust your instincts.** If the building appears to be overcrowded, is using unattended fire sources, pyrotechnics or other heat sources without safety systems like alternative exits, sprinklers and smoke alarms, report your concerns to management. If not addressed, leave immediately and report the violations to your local fire department.

For a list of these and other safety tips, visit [www.acfpd.org/safety-tips](http://www.acfpd.org/safety-tips).

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