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John Esposito wants to work with you before disaster strikes.

"Natural disasters, such as fires, tornadoes, flooding, and hail storms, are devastating to the people caught in them. The important thing in many cases is having a thorough plan and making sure everyone in your home or business knows what to do if fire or other trauma strikes."

Esposito, who is the owner of Eastern Oklahoma's foremost disaster

"I can't believe how meticulous they are with follow-up and customer service...ESPO went to the length of repairing everything, back to the foundation."

—Michael Dishman



Residence fires strike often, consume quickly and can leave a family's life in tatters.



renovation company, ESPO Construction in Tulsa, spends a lot of effort and company money on prevention, partnering with the Red Cross "Save the Day" program and with other organizations to provide educational materials and help Oklahoma businesses and families become aware of the ways to prevent fires and to formulate a plan ahead of time—in case disaster does strike. He regularly holds CPR classes for employees and clients at his warehouse and is on the forefront of public disaster awareness in Eastern Oklahoma.

And when tragedy strikes—as it has almost 2,500 times in 1999 in the Tulsa area—ESPO Construction will likely be one of the first on the scene, helping everyone deal with the heartache and damage that fire or storms cause, clearing away dangerous wreckage, and restoring the site to its original or better condition. That's good, Esposito says.

On the cover: John Esposito of ESPO Construction knows how to help you and your family should fire or another disaster strike and urges you to develop a plan now for such an event. *Photography by Charlie Johnson. Story by Carol Palazzolo.*

“John even had a couple of engineers check the walls...He said after a couple of years things could start smelling like smoke and he didn’t want that. He’s got, I guess, some of the best professional workers. They’ve all been with him for some time. If he promises something, you can take it to the bank.”

—Gordon Haynes

“The sooner we are called, the better. We can assess structural damage early, work with the insurance company, and help to relieve some of the stress that anyone in this situation faces,” says Esposito. ESPO Construction’s renovation services have been used to rebuild countless residences, large and small, and such large commercial projects as the Atlas

Commercial disasters offer a special set of problems. ESPO Construction has been involved with the renovation of the Liberty Towers Building and the emergency cleanup of the Houston Office Building, below. John Esposito of ESPO Construction says the ideal situation is for his firm to be involved in the disaster planning ahead of time. It is important that damage be isolated and the building stabilized as soon after a disaster as possible, he notes. Otherwise the building owner may lose tenants and businesses housed in the building may be out of commission much longer.



Life Building and the Philtower Building in downtown Tulsa. For 15 years, ESPO Construction has slowly evolved into a household name synonymous with fire and disaster prevention, relief and restoration.

Commercial buildings which have been hit by disaster offer an especially difficult challenge, Esposito says. If a disaster plan is not in effect and carried out promptly and properly, countless lives may be lost. In addition, the owners and the tenants who have businesses or professional offices there can be affected economically for the long term. Building owners may lose leases from tenants and business owners who are tenants may lose their businesses if the cleanup is not conducted in a professional and orderly way. Esposito

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Fire Stops With YOU!

Working together for fire safety will save lives and property damage for your home and business.

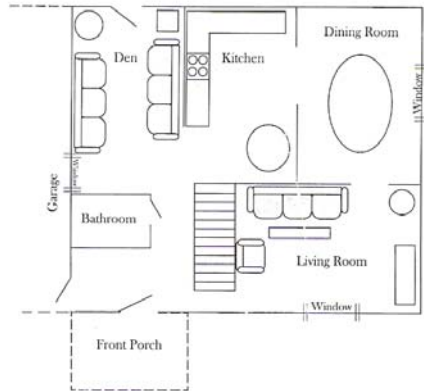
CHECKLIST:

HAVE A PLAN - In fire or other emergency, you need to get out of your home or office in a hurry. To the right is sample plan. Adapt it to your own location and clearly mark the planned escapes, giving two exits for each room. Then make sure your family or office practices the plan at least twice each year.

INSTALL SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS - and test them twice each year. There should be one at every bedroom exit and at least one on each floor.

INSTALL AND KEEP IN WORKING ORDER PROPER ABC MULTIPURPOSE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. Instruct your family and office staff in their proper operation. **IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT, GET OUT FAST AND CALL 911 FROM A SEPARATE LOCATION.** Never go back in a burning building.

PRACTICE 'SAFE' FIRE BEHAVIOR. Teach everyone to crawl low in smoke and to stop, drop and roll to extinguish flames.



Clearly mark all exits and DESIGNATE A MEETING PLACE OUTSIDE.



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believes the *best case scenario* is to have his firm included ahead of the disaster in the disaster, evacuation and cleanup planning.

In the event your home or business is damaged or destroyed, ESPO Construction will relieve some of the stress of rebuilding, work with

your insurance company, and get you back to normal.

"The important thing is that *now* is the time to do the all-crucial advance planning. It can make the difference between safety and loss of life for your family and/or employees and can be lifesaving in itself for your business."

Esposito says.

"Life can be tough. We really want to help people prepare for a possible disaster, and—if the worst comes—help people repair their lives, not just their buildings."

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