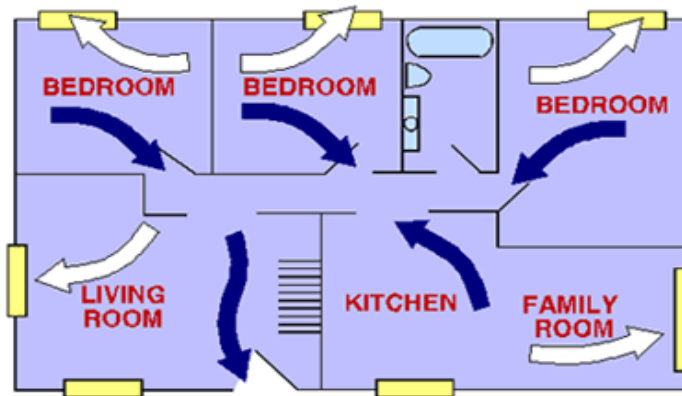




Plan & Practice

Having a **Home Fire Escape Plan** can save you valuable time should you have a fire in your home.

- Planning for your home fire drill gives you the opportunity to make sure you have two safe ways out from every room in your home and a meeting place to gather.
- Practicing your plan will show you if you need to make any changes so that your family can safely escape and report a fire in your home.



Smoke Detectors Save lives every day.

You won't escape if you don't have early warning of the fire. Install smoke detectors inside every sleeping area and on each floor. Check the batteries often to make sure your family's warning system is always in good working order.

Prepare your escape plan.

The best way is to make a room-by-room layout of your home with all emergency exits from each room clearly shown. Make sure all members of the family know and understand exactly what to do and where to go in an emergency.

Have two ways out.

Be sure there is more than one exit from every room to avoid being trapped if a fire does endanger your home and family. If your home has security bars or locks on windows and doors, make sure the entire family can open them quickly. Upper floor rooms should be equipped with escape ladders or fire escapes.

Practice...even in the dark!

Most people don't realize that house fires are more heat and thick deadly smoke than flames. You may not be able to see where you are going. Plus, the way could become very disorienting. You and your family must know the way out in the dark, hot, stressful conditions without panicking or losing time.

Crawl Low under the smoke.

Smoke is usually poisonous. It can choke you or knock you out. If you exit through smoky areas, get down low, close to the floor where the air will be safer.

Infants and Elderly need your help.

Small children, elderly people and the disabled will need special attention. Be sure to include proper considerations they require when making your plan.

Know where to go.

Have a set meeting place outside like a tree or mailbox that is a safe distance from your home preferably on or near the street where the firefighters would arrive. Stay there until help arrives.

Once out... STAY OUT!

Once you are safely out of the house never go back inside. You could be killed or seriously burned by returning into a home on fire to retrieve pets or valuables.

Call 9-1-1.

Go to your nearest neighbors home to call the fire department. Provide your address. Tell the operator if all of the residents are out safely.

