



EMERGENCY ESCAPE PLANNING

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may only have a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if they hear a smoke alarm and/or there is a fire.

Safety Tips

- **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily. Have a deployable escape ladder for upper floors and know how to use it.
- **HAVE** an outside designated place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet after escaping.
- **PRACTICE** your home fire drill during both day and nighttime hours with everyone in your home at least twice a year, such as when you change your clocks.
- **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- **CLOSE** all doors behind you as you leave to slow the spreading of the fire.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS

- If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke as you make your way out.
- **CALL** the fire department from a safe distance outside your home by dialing 911.

“KEEP SAFE BY BEING PREPARED”

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