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FAMILY FIRE SAFETY DRILL

**Don't wait until it's too late,
make a home fire escape plan today!**

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as **1 to 2 minutes** to escape safely after a smoke alarm activates. That's why having a **home fire escape plan** is so important. A well-practiced escape plan ensures that everyone in your household knows exactly what to do and how to use those critical moments to get out safely. Take a few minutes today to create and practice your family's home fire escape plan. Then, follow the safety tips below to help prepare your family in case of an emergency.

BEFORE an emergency occurs:

1. Test your smoke Alarms.

A smoke alarm can't protect your family if it isn't working properly. Test every smoke alarm in your home at least once a month to make sure it is functioning correctly. Replace the batteries twice a year, and replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old or has reached its expiration date. Working smoke alarms provide an early warning during a fire and can save lives.



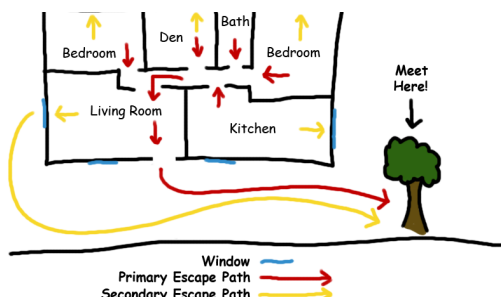
2. Close before you doze.

Close your bedroom door before going to sleep each night. In the event of a fire, a closed door can help slow the spread of flames, heat, and toxic smoke, creating a safer environment. Temperatures in a room with the door closed can be hundreds of degrees cooler, sometimes by as much as 900°F. This may provide up to 15 additional minutes to escape or be rescued. That simple habit could save your life.



3. Draw your fire escape plan.

Knowing how to escape before an emergency happens can help your family react quickly when every second counts. Take a few minutes to create and practice a home fire escape plan together. Use the back of this sheet to draw your family's escape plan, identify two ways out of every room, and choose a safe meeting place outside. Planning ahead can make all the difference in an emergency.



In case of an emergency:

1. GET LOW. GET OUT. STAY OUT.

If you encounter smoke during a fire, get low and crawl to the nearest safe exit. Smoke, heat, and toxic gases rise, so the cleanest air is closest to the floor. Crawling beneath the smoke can help you avoid breathing dangerous gases and increase your chances of escaping safely. Get out, stay out.



2. Call 9-1-1.

Once you are safely outside, call 9-1-1 to report the emergency. Never go back inside a burning building. Before an emergency happens, teach young children how and when to call 9-1-1. Practice having them state their full name, home address, and the type of emergency so they are prepared to get help when it matters most.



3. Stop, Drop, Cover, and Roll.

If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll back and forth until the flames are completely out. This simple technique can help prevent serious burn injuries. Remember: **Stop. Drop. Cover. Roll.**

Stop.



Drop.



Roll.



