



# ESCAPE PLANNING

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

## BE PREPARED...

- Make a **PLAN**. Draw a map of your home. Show all the doors and windows.
- Know at least **2 WAYS OUT** of each room, if possible. All windows and doors should open easily.
- **SMOKE ALARMS** – Have them and test them.
- Have a **MEETING PLACE** outside. It should be in front of your home, and EVERYONE should meet here.
- **PRACTICE** your plan twice a year, during the day and at night, and practice different ways out.
- **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- **CLOSE DOORS** behind you as you leave.

## IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- **GET OUT AND STAY OUT!** Never go back inside for people, pets, or anything else.
- **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- Call 9-1-1 from **OUTSIDE** your home.

[YouTube Every Second Counts in a Home Fire—Practice Your Escape Plan](#)

Visit <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/escape-planning/basic-fire-escape-planning> for more info.

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