

# escape

## PLANNING

### PLAN AHEAD

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

### SAFETY TIPS

- **DRAW** a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home.
- **PRACTICE** the plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home, at least twice a year.
- **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- **PRACTICE** using 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.
- **TEACH** children not to hide from fire fighters.

### REMEMBER ...

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, especially near sleeping areas.

### 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 to your way out.
- **FEEL** the knob and door before opening a door. **NEVER** open a door that is hot to the touch.
- **ESCAPE** first, then **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.

For more information about escape planning, visit [firesafety.gov](http://firesafety.gov)



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