

Develop A Family Escape Plan and Practice it Regularly With Your Entire Family, Especially Small Children

- Draw a floor plan of your home and find TWO ways to exit from each room. There should be a way to get out of each bedroom without opening a door.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm signal means, and that they must be ready to leave the home or residents by themselves if necessary. Show them how to check to see if doors are hot before opening them, How to stay close to the floor and crawl, and how to use the alternate exit if a door is hot and should not be opened.
- Decide on a meeting place a safe distance from your house and make sure that all your children understand that they should go and wait for you there if there is a fire.
- Hold fire drills every 6 months to make sure that everyone, even small children, know what to do to escape safely.
- Know where to go to call the fire department from outside your house.
- Provide emergency equipment, such as fire extinguishers, and teach your family how and when to use this equipment.

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