

# WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A FIRE IN YOUR HOME

- After you have prepared family escape plans and practiced them with your family, you have increased their chances of escaping safely. Review the following rules with your children when you have fire drills so everyone will remember them in a real smoke or fire emergency.
- Don't panic; stay calm. Your safe escape may depend on thinking clearly and remembering what you have practiced.
- Get out of your house following your planned escape route as quickly as possible. **DO NOT STOP** to collect anything or to get dressed.
- Open doors carefully only after feeling to see if they are hot. **DO NOT OPEN** a door if it feels hot; use an alternate escape route.
- Stay close to the floor; smoke and hot gases rise toward the ceiling.
- Keep doors and windows closed unless you open them to escape and re-close them as you leave.
- Meet at your pre-arranged meeting place after leaving the house.
- Call the Fire Department as soon as possible from outside your house.
- Give the address and your name.
- **NEVER** re-enter a burning or smoke filled building.

**For More Information On This Subject and Other Related Subjects Please Contact United States Fire Administration**

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