Develop a home fire escape plan today, it could save your life tonight!

If a fire occurred in your home tonight, would your family get out safely? Everyone must know what to do and where to go when the smoke alarm sounds. Take a few minutes with everyone in your household to make a home fire escape plan, following the instructions.

Remember,
Practise your plan twice a year.

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When planning, remember:

Does anyone need help to escape?

Decide in advance who will assist the very young, older adults or people with disabilities in your household. A few minutes of planning will save valuable seconds in a real emergency.

Show two ways out of every room, if possible.

The door will be the main exit from each room. However, if the door is blocked by smoke or fire, identify an alternate escape route, which could be a window. Make sure that all windows can open easily and that everyone knows how to escape through them to safety. If windows have security bars, equip them with quick-releasing devices.

Choose a meeting place outside.

Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home that everyone will remember. A tree, street light or a neighbour's home are all good choices. In case of fire, everyone will go directly to this meeting place so they can be accounted for.

Call 9-1-1 from outside your home.

Don't waste valuable seconds calling the fire department from inside your home. Once you have safely escaped, call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbour's home.

Practise your escape.

Review the plan with everyone in your household. Walk through the escape routes for each room with the entire family. Use this walk-through exercise to check your escape routes, making sure all exits are practical and easy to use. Then hold a fire drill twice a year and time how long it takes. In a real fire, you must react without hesitation as your escape routes may be quickly blocked by smoke or flames.

Draw a floor plan of your home.

Use the grid to draw a floor plan of your home. You should draw a plan for each storey of your home.

Include all possible emergency exits.

Draw in doors, windows and stairways. This will show you and your family all possible escape routes at a glance. Include any features, such as the roof of a garage or porch that would help in your escape.

First Floor

Outdoor meeting place:

Second Floor

Basement