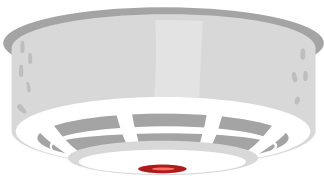




HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING

Activities for kids to learn
about home fires

Does your home have working smoke alarms?



Most smoke alarms are a round shape. They are installed on ceilings and high up on walls. You should find smoke alarms on every level of your home, even the basement! Smoke alarms are always installed outside of bedrooms. For extra protection, they can be installed inside bedrooms, too!

Most smoke alarms have a button you can push to see if they are working. Test your smoke alarms by pushing the button at least once a month.

Which rooms in your house have smoke alarms?

What do smoke alarms do?

Smoke alarms are designed to let you know if there is a fire in your home so you can get quickly outside. When a smoke alarm detects smoke from a fire, it makes a loud noise that sounds like “BEEP, BEEP, BEEP!” You may only have a few minutes to escape a home fire.

Find the words that talk about smoke alarms.

B	E	D	R	O	O	M	E
L	R	B	U	T	T	O	N
B	O	F	I	R	E	N	O
E	U	U	R	E	S	T	I
E	N	S	D	P	T	H	S
P	D	A	S	M	O	K	E

- Round
Bedroom
Fire
- Smoke
Loud
Noise
- Beep
Button
- Test
Month

Every family should have a home escape plan.

A home escape plan helps families know what to do if there is a fire or other emergency at home. Everyone should know what to do in case of a fire. Small children and older adults may need someone to help them escape. Your plan should include:

- ✓ How to get everyone outside safely
- ✓ Where to go when you get outside
- ✓ How to call 9-1-1



Where is your meeting place?

Your family should choose an outside meeting place where you will all meet when the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone should know where the meeting place is! A good outside meeting place is a permanent place that is easy to get to and far enough from your house to be safe. Plan to call 9-1-1 AFTER you get to your meeting place.

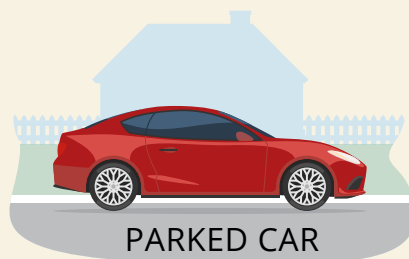
Circle the good choices for an outside meeting place and put an X over the bad choices.



TREE



NEIGHBOR'S
FRONT PORCH



PARKED CAR



SCOOTER



MAILBOX



MY FRONT STEPS

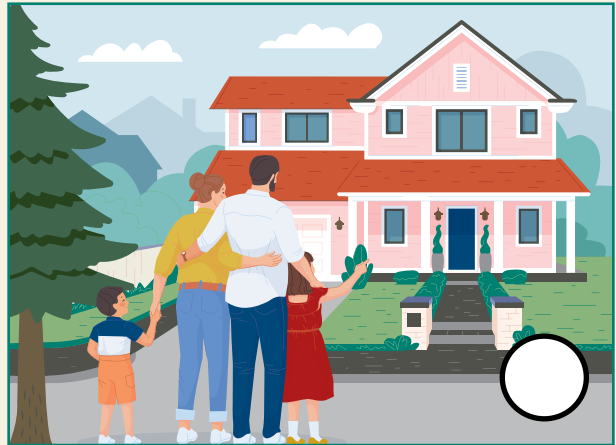
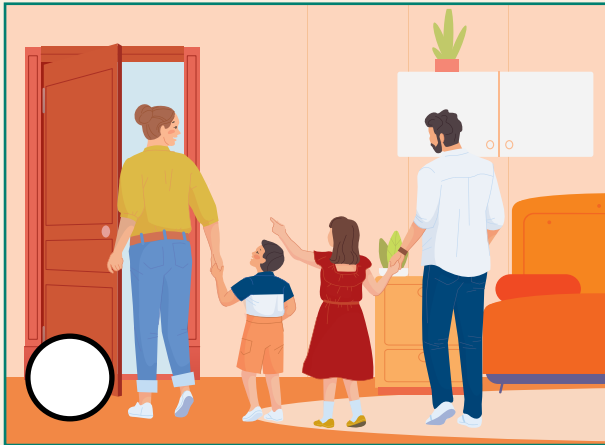
What should you do when the smoke alarm sounds?

If you hear it, follow your escape plan to get outside safely!

Here are the steps you should take to escape from fire:

1. **STOP what you are doing. Get up and walk.** Do not run but walk as fast as you can.
2. **CHOOSE the best way out of the room.** You should learn two ways out of every room in your home. It might be two doors, or a door and a window.
3. **GET OUTSIDE quickly.** Do not stop to pick up toys or pets.
4. **GO to your outside meeting place.** Wait there with your family until a grown-up says it's safe to go back inside.

Write a number in each circle below to put the pictures in the right order.



In case of a home fire, it's important to know 2 ways out.

Remember, when you hear the smoke alarm sound, you may only have a few minutes to get outside safely. It's important to plan two ways out of every room in your home, and two ways outside.

Step 1: Write down each room of your home.

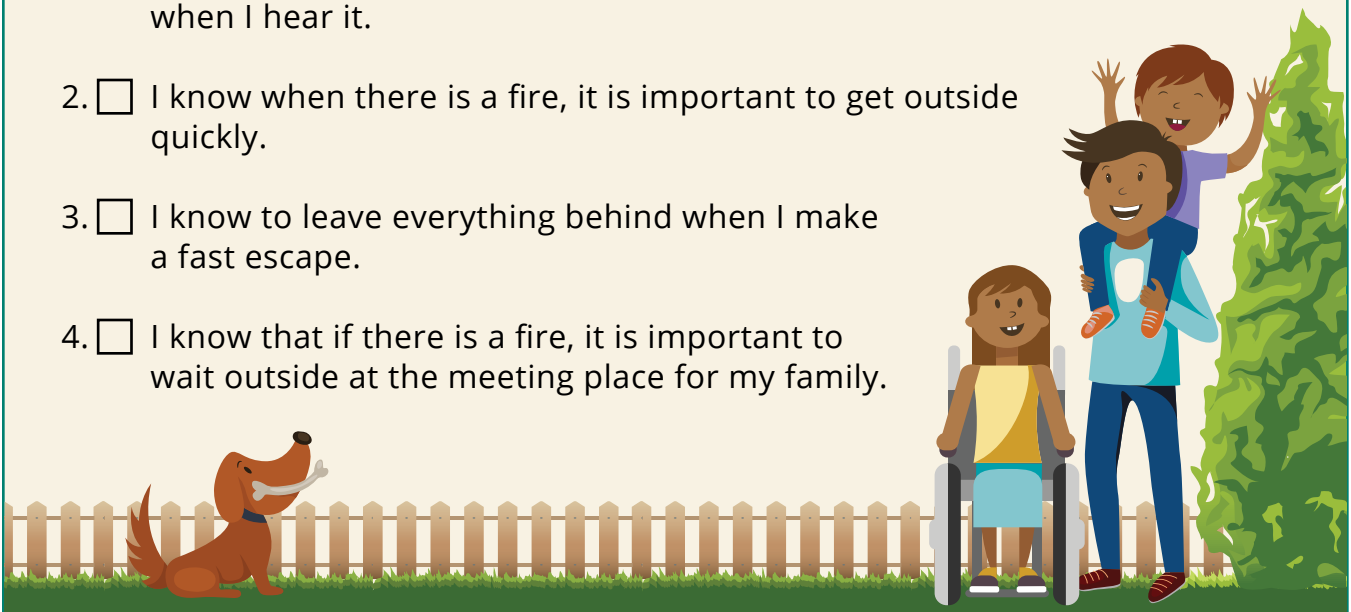
Step 2: Think of 2 ways out of each room?

Step 3: Pick an outside meeting place in the front of your home and write it on the line to the right.

Our outside meeting place is:

_____.

1. ☐ I know what my smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when I hear it.
2. ☐ I know when there is a fire, it is important to get outside quickly.
3. ☐ I know to leave everything behind when I make a fast escape.
4. ☐ I know that if there is a fire, it is important to wait outside at the meeting place for my family.



What if there's smoke?

Smoke is dark and hard to see through. It is also poisonous and can make it hard for you to breathe. If you see smoke on your way outside, use your second way out!

If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke until you get to your exit.

Find the right path to get to the outdoor meeting place.



Call 9-1-1 from your meeting place.

**Always get safely outside
before calling for help.**

The fire department will help if there is an emergency like a fire or a serious injury. The best way to get the help you need in an emergency is to call 9-1-1.



Practice calling 9-1-1.

When the dispatcher answers, you will need to know what to tell them. Practice with an adult in your family! You will need to answer:

What is the emergency?

Where is the emergency?

What is your name?

What is your phone number?

NEVER TOUCH MATCHES AND LIGHTERS.

Matches and lighters are tools for adults to use and not toys for kids. They are very dangerous to play with and can be hot enough to burn you.

If you see matches or a lighter, don't touch them! Walk away and tell a grown-up right away.



SAFETY PROMISES: COMPLETE THE CHECKLIST BELOW.

It's important to plan what to do in case of a home fire, because fires burn fast and smoke is dangerous. You only have a few minutes to get out safely. Planning and practicing a home fire escape plan is a great way to help keep you and your family safe.

1. ☐ Now that I have a home fire escape plan, I will ask my family to **practice** it with me.
2. ☐ If there is a fire in my home, I will not hide. **I will go outside and stay at my meeting place.**
3. ☐ **I know to call 9-1-1** from a safe place in the event of an emergency. I also know the phone number for a nearby relative, friend, or neighbor who can respond quickly if my family needs help.
4. ☐ **I know my address.** For an emergency I call 9-1-1 and am able to tell them where to send help.
5. ☐ **I will not touch matches or lighters.** In fact, I won't even pick them up. If I find matches or a lighter, I will tell an adult.

I PLEDGE TO BE PREPARED FOR FIRE RISKS BY HAVING A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.

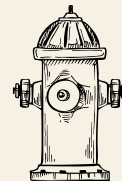
By making this pledge I'm committing to:

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|---|--|---|
| 1. Make and practice a home fire escape plan. | 2. Know to call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. | 3. Know my address and emergency contact information. |
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**I pledge to do these things to help keep myself
and my family safe from home fires.**

Signature

Date



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