

HOME FIRE DRILLS

PRACTICE FOR SURVIVAL

Fire drills matter. In addition to the tragedy of those who die in home fires, over 11,000 are injured each year. For drills to be successful, the first step is to know your home. Understand the layout, fire dangers, and fire safety features. Know two ways out of each room. After each drill, discuss what went well and if there were any problems and then practice again, making corrections.

CREATING A FIRE-SAFE HOME

Planning: When planning safe escapes, consider the age and strength of each family member.

Map It: Draw an outline map of the home and mark all of the exits.

Practice: This is critical. Practice until the plan is second nature.

Prevention: In addition to practicing, make sure preventive measures are taken.

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE IN THE HOME

Stay calm! Remember that this is what you practiced for. Everyone is ready for this and you can do it. Go through all of the steps that you practiced and go to the safe meeting place. Have one person go to a neighbor's house to call the fire department. This is why fire drills matter. They can be a lifesaver in the event of a fire.





**ABOUT
2,620
PEOPLE DIE
IN HOME
FIRES EACH
YEAR.**

CHECKLIST

- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries every six months.
- Know two ways out of every room.
- Have a fire escape plan for each room.
- Have a safe meeting place away from the home.
- Practice the escape plan.

WHEN YOU HEAR THE ALARM

If you are asleep, roll out of bed and stay low to the ground. Do not waste time looking for valuable items. If you feel heat on the door or doorknob, do not open!! Crawl to your second way out. If the door is cool, open it slowly and look for smoke and flames. If clear, crawl quickly toward an exit and then go to the safe meeting place.

**HAVE A MONITOR, ONE PERSON
RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING
THE DRILLS.**