



MAKE A SAFE ESCAPE AVOID HOME FIRE TRAGEDY

On average seven people in the U.S. die every day in house fires. A fire can destroy a home in less than two minutes. Having a safe escape plan and knowing what to do in a fire can be the difference between life and death. Everyone needs to know how to escape on their own from every room and they need to remember to crawl low in smoke. If you smell smoke or see that there is a fire, do not hesitate, CALL 9-1-1!!!

MAP IT OUT

Each map should have the following features:

Layout: Show all walls, floors, doors, and windows.

Exits: Mark at least two ways out from each room.

Meeting place: Have a safe meeting place at least 75 feet from the home.

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!

You should practice your escape plan at least twice a year, night and day. Make sure you practice different ways out of different rooms. Most home fire deaths happen between 10 PM and 8 AM, when people are sleeping. Practicing at night is very important even if it is not always convenient.

HAVE A MAP. HAVE A PLAN.



**LESS THAN 50%
OF AMERICANS
HAVE HOME
FIRE ESCAPE
PLANS AND
PRACTICE
THEM.**

CHECKLIST

- Test smoke alarms each month.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every six months.
- Replace smoke alarm every 8 to 10 years.
- Keep cell phones charged and close by.
- Make sure that escape routes are unblocked.
- Confirm that all windows and doors open properly.

GETTING OUT SAFELY

When evacuating, close doors behind you. A closed door may contain the fire and reduce fire damage. A closed door also helps keep the temperature down and the fire out. Once someone is out, they should never re-enter a burning building for any reason. If there is no way out, seal yourself in. Close your doors and seal the edges with anything you can find.

GET OUT AND STAY OUT.