

# 10 WAYS TO STAY SAFE WITH FIRE DRILLS



## 1 **MAKE A CHECKLIST**

- Test smoke alarms every month and replace their batteries every six months.
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed.
- Know two ways out of every room.
- Know the layout of your home.
- Have a meeting point that is a safe distance from your home.

## 2 **PREVENTION IS KEY**

Make sure that you keep flammable materials at least three feet from any sources of heat.

## 3 **KNOW YOUR HOME**

Understand your home's layout, fire dangers, and fire safety features.

## 4 **CREATE A PLAN**

When you make your plan, think about the age and strength of each family member.

## 5 **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE**

Practice your plan until it is second nature.

## 6 **HAVE A MONITOR**

One person should be responsible for running the fire drills (the drill monitor).

## 7 **PRACTICE USING BACKUPS**

For some drills, the monitor should have everyone practice using backup exits.

## 8 **AFTER THE DRILL**

- What went well?
- Were there any problems?
- Practice the plan again and make corrections.

## 9 **WHEN YOU HEAR THE ALARM**

If you feel heat on the door or doorknob, don't open it! Crawl to your second exit. If the door is cool, open it slowly and look for smoke and flames. If clear, crawl quickly toward an exit. Go to the safe meeting place.

## 10 **STOP, DROP, AND ROLL**

If your clothes catch on fire, do not panic.



# ***FIRE DRILL FACTS***

Fire drills matter – Every year an estimated 2,620 people die and 11,070 are injured in home fires.

You can save more than your family – if you have older neighbors, make sure that they have a fire drill and help them practice.

Communication is critical. Talk to children regularly about the dangers of fire, matches, and lighters and keep them out of reach. Make education a part of your fire drill.

Check your plan. Once you have a plan, make sure that all parts of it work.

Test your windows to make sure that they open easily and that they are large enough to get through.

