



Plan Your Escape

Prepare and practice to escape a fire safely.

Choose Your Route to Get Out

-  Draw up an easy-to-read floorplan of your home.
-  Determine two fire escape routes for each room in your home.
-  For homes with more than one floor, prepare an exit that includes escaping from an upper floor window or balcony if necessary. If an escape ladder will be used, make sure it is located near the window.
-  Choose a safe place outside the home for everyone to meet and make sure everyone got out safely.

Practice Your Escape Plan

-  Carefully go over escape routes and fire safety with everyone who lives in your home.
-  Make adjustments to your plan, if needed, and make sure to update everyone on those changes.
-  Hold fire drills at least twice a year to practice the plan.
-  Time your drills to express the urgency of escaping a fire.

Precautions in the Event of a Fire

-  If there is a fire in your home, get out immediately! Don't hesitate! Get out and STAY OUT! Call 9-1-1 from outside or from a neighbor's phone.
-  If you must exit through a smoke-filled room or hallway, crawl under the smoke.
-  Feel any doors before you open them. If the door is warm, follow your second escape plan.
-  If the flames, smoke, or heat are overwhelming and you can't get out of a room, stay put. Close the door and call 9-1-1 if there is a phone in the room (or you have a cell phone). Tell the dispatcher where you are in the room.

GET OUT AND STAY OUT!