

# Plan Your Escape!

If a fire occurred in your home tonight, would your family get out safely?

You may have only seconds to safely escape your home.

Develop a home fire escape plan with everyone in your household using the tips on the back.



# Develop a home fire escape plan today...

## *it could save your life tonight!*

**Install working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home. It's the law!**

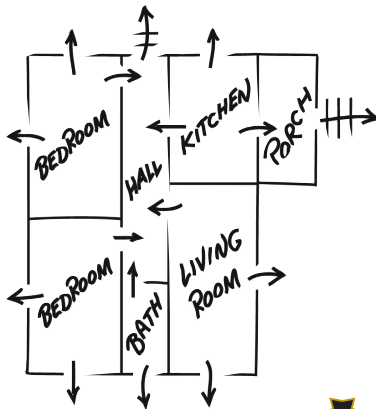
**Develop a home fire escape plan.** Sit down with everyone in your household and discuss how each person will get out of the home in a fire. Consider drawing a floor plan of your home, identifying all escape routes from each room.

**Make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room, if possible.** If the door of a room is blocked by smoke or fire, discuss an alternate escape route such as a window. Make sure all windows open easily. Security bars on windows should have quick-releasing devices so they can be easily removed.

**Help those who need it!** Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who may need assistance.

**Get low and go** under the smoke to the nearest safe exit. Most fire deaths are the result of smoke inhalation.

**Choose a meeting place outside,** a safe distance from your home. A tree, street light or a neighbour's home are all good choices. In case of fire, everyone should go directly to this meeting place to be accounted for.



**Never re-enter a burning building.**

Once you have safely escaped, call the fire department from outside your home using a cell phone or from a neighbour's home.

**Practise your escape plan** with everyone in your home. Make sure everyone can get out quickly.

**For more information,** contact your local fire department.



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