

What Are The Realities of Fire?

- ◆ Fire creates thick black smoke that makes it difficult to see.
- ◆ Smoke is more deadly than flames. There are poisonous gases in smoke that can be fatal. You should stay low and crawl under the smoke to a safe exit, do not stand and walk through the smoke.
- ◆ Many fire fatalities occur at night while people are sleeping. Many people suffocate without ever waking up and realizing the fire danger.
- ◆ Fire has intense heat and can create extreme temperatures in a matter of seconds. These temperatures can cause severe burns that render a person unconscious.
- ◆ Fires spread very quickly. A home can be totally consumed by fire in less than 5 minutes. Working smoke alarms will provide an early warning of the danger and a home fire escape plan will help provide time to escape safely.

How do I make a home fire escape plan?

- ◆ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. Test your alarms monthly and change the batteries twice a year.
- ◆ Draw a floor plan of your home and identify at least 2 exits from each room. There's a grid inside this pamphlet you can use as a guide.
- ◆ Choose a family meeting place a safe distance from your home.
- ◆ Schedule a home fire drill and practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

What should I do if there's a fire?

- ◆ **Get out quickly and safely.** When the smoke alarm sounds, immediately start your escape. Do not try to gather possessions or pets.
- ◆ **Check the door.** Stay low behind the door, feel the door and door handle for heat. If the **door feels cool**, open it slowly, if it is safe, leave the building and go to your meeting place. If the **door feels warm, or you see smoke or flame** on the other side of the door, shut the door and use your second escape route.
- ◆ **If you are trapped**, seal the openings around door and vents with bedding or towels. **Call 911.** If it is safe to open a window and there is no smoke, open it to signal and yell for help.



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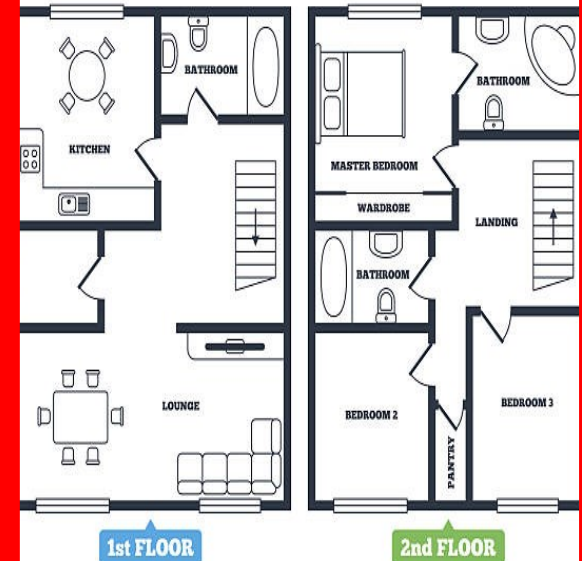
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Home Fire Escape Plan

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Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows
- Visit each room. Find two (2) ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid to the right.

