

Fire Safety – Prevention & Planning

You may feel that you know all these answers, and that there is no need to review this material. Be assured, in the case of emergency, things you think you know do not come automatically.

Check smoke detectors monthly.

Change batteries 2 times a year – an easy way to remember is to change batteries when you change your clocks in the spring and the fall.

Draw a basic diagram of your home, marking all windows and doors, and plan two routes out of each room. Make sure to routinely practice the escape plan. Preventable fire deaths can be reduced if families arm themselves with a map and a plan:

- **Practice** finding your way out of the house with your eyes closed, crawling or staying low and feeling your way out of the house.
- Never open doors that are hot to the touch.
- Teach your entire family to stop, drop to the ground and roll if their clothes catch on fire.
- Designate a **meeting place** outside and take attendance. Get out and stay out.

Write your family meeting place here: _____

- Remember to escape first, then notify the fire department by calling 9-1-1.

Discussion Questions:

What is the first, easiest, fastest way to get out of your home?

What is the second easiest, fastest way to get out of this residence, if the first way is blocked?

Is a window exit an option in your home? Can everyone in your family climb out on their own?

Does anyone in your family have disabilities that might require a Point of Rescue?

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