

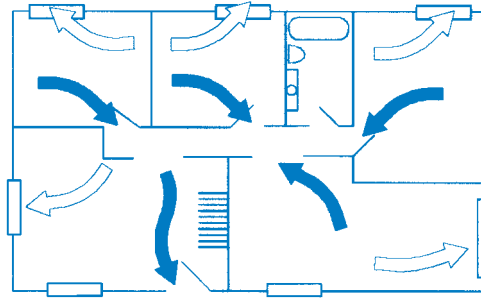
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Use a Home Escape Plan



Everyone should know how to escape if there is a fire in their home. By following some simple safety tips, you can create a home escape plan that's right for you.

Plan



- Draw a home escape plan that shows two ways out of every room
- Make sure windows and doors can be unlocked and opened quickly
- Bars on windows must have a quick release device, opening from the inside
- Have a special meeting place in front of your house or apartment where the family will meet

Prepare

- If you live in a building with more than one level, have escape ladders for the upstairs rooms
- Install smoke alarms on every level and in all bedrooms - test them once a month and change the battery each year
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed

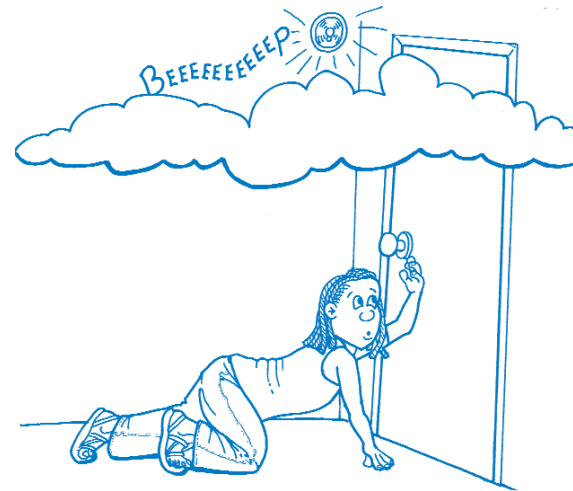
Practice

- Count all family members at your meeting place
- If someone is missing, tell the firefighters where that person may be. **NEVER** go back inside.

Escaping from fire

If a fire breaks out in your home, remember the following tips:

- Check the door with the back of your hand – if you feel heat, use your second exit
- If there is smoke, crawl on your hands and knees to the nearest exit



- Teach children how to get out of the house
- Call **9-1-1** from a neighbor's house
- Remember; **NEVER** go back into a burning house

If you are trapped in a room

- Stay low near the door or window
- Put blankets, rugs, or pillows at the bottom of the door to keep out smoke
- Signal out the window with a sheet, towel or flashlight



For more information on **Home Escape Plans**, call the City of Phoenix Fire Department Community Involvement Section **602-262-6910** or visit our web site **www.phoenix.gov/fire**

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