

Home Escape Planning

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Causes of house fires

Arson



Heating



Smoking



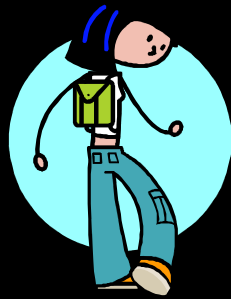
Cooking

Children playing with matches and lighters

In an event of a fire



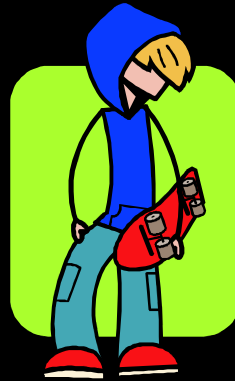
- Crawl low under smoke.
- Feel the door with the back of your hand.
- Open doors slowly and be ready to close them if fire is on the other side.
- Close any doors you safely can as you are leaving.
- Once outside, stay outside.
- Take no time to retrieve pets or possessions.
- Call 911 from a neighbor's house.



When calling 911

Provide any information to the fire department that you can including:

- Where the fire is located inside the building, whether anyone is still in the house and where they might be located



- Any hazards that might be in the house or building



Smoke detectors save lives



- Smoke detectors are one of the most important fire safety devices for the home.

Placement of Smoke Detectors

- Every floor
- In each bedroom
- Outside of sleeping areas



Testing and maintaining smoke detectors

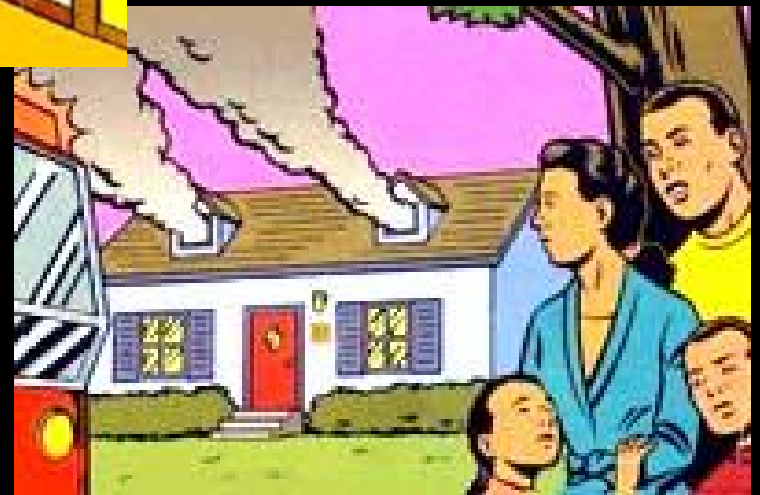
- Test once a month by pushing the button. Test on the same day of each month.
- Replace batteries once a year.
- Clean smoke alarms periodically from dust.
- Never paint detectors.
- Listen for low battery chirp.



Importance of Home Escape Plans

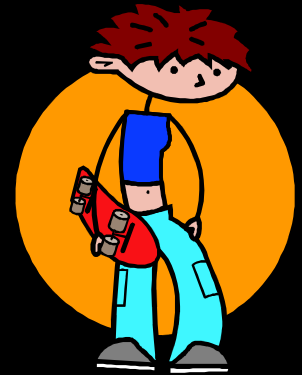


- People become disoriented during an emergency.
- Practice in a controlled situation, during a non-emergency setting

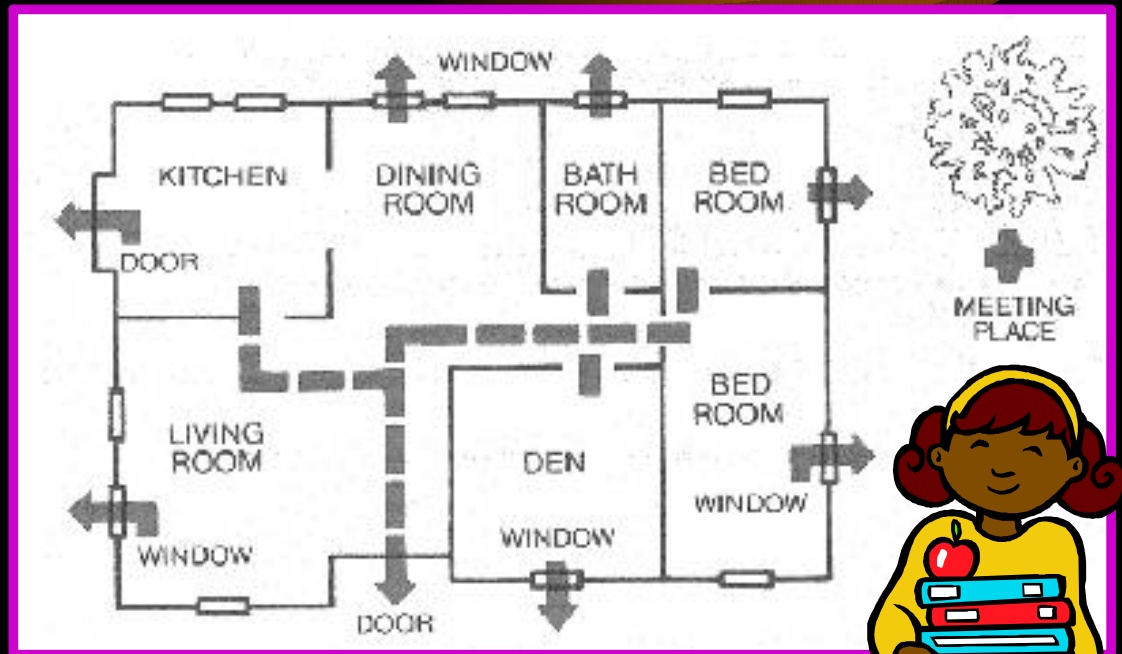


Make sure that you and your family have determined

- ✓ An escape plan with two different ways out
- ✓ Someone assigned to call 911
- ✓ Someone assigned to help disabled people get out
- ✓ A meeting place for everyone once they are outside
- ✓ Practice fire drills regularly using your escape plan!



Design your own home escape diagram



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