

# Escape Planning

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

## SAFETY TIPS

- ▶▶▶ **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- ▶▶▶ **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- ▶▶▶ **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- ▶▶▶ **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- ▶▶▶ **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- ▶▶▶ **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- ▶▶▶ **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

## IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- ▶▶▶ If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- ▶▶▶ If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke to your way out.
- ▶▶▶ **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.



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## FACTS

- ❗ According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ❗ While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ❗ **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

