



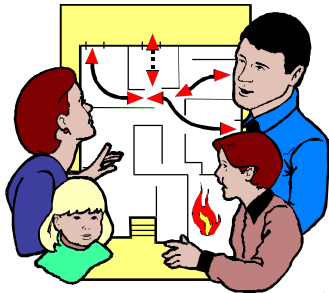
## **FIRE DRILLS PLAN AND DO THEM**



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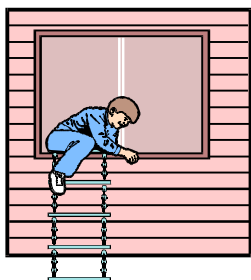
In 1997, NFPA asked 500 Americans how long they thought they had to escape a fire in their home. 58% said 2 minutes or more — and that includes 24 % who figured they would have more than 10 minutes to escape a home fire. A typical living-room fire can threaten the entire house in just a few minutes producing life — threatening conditions in upstairs bedrooms less than 2 minutes after the smoke alarm sounds.

**YOU NEED TO BE PREPARED SO FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES AND THEY MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE SOMEDAY.**



**HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN.** Sit down with your family. Talk about what you should do in case of a fire. Organize a step-by-step plan for your escape.

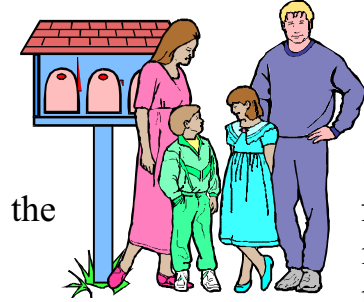
**KNOW TWO WAYS OUT OF EACH ROOM.** If fire or smoke blocks the primary way, you will need a second way out. This might be a window onto an adjacent roof or with an escape ladder.



**IN A TWO-STORY HOUSE** make sure everyone knows how to unlock all locks and open all windows and doors quickly. If you are escaping

from the second floor make sure you have a safe way to get to the ground.

**GET OUT FAST.** Do not waste any time saving property. Get out and stay out. A good rule for children is to don't hide, go outside.



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**CHOOSE A MEETING PLACE.** Have a place outdoors for everyone to meet for roll call. This can be front sidewalk, a tree, the neighbor's house, or any other place that the entire family

**PRACTICE YOUR PLAN.** Have a fire drill in your home or ask the management to schedule one in your apartment building. Practice twice a year and if you move make sure to devise a new plan.

**START FROM YOUR BEDROOMS.** Most fatal fires occur at night when everyone is asleep. So, go to your bedroom, close the door and wait for the alarm to sound when you do your drill. Have a parent start the drill.

**REMEMBER FEEL THE DOOR AND CRAWL LOW.** Practice crawling fast and staying low to escape smoke. Smoke rises while clean air stays low near the floor. So get down on your knees and crawl. When you come to a closed door, use the back of your hand to feel the door to make sure there is no fire on the other side. If it feels hot do not go through but use your secondary escape. If it feels cool open the door slowly. If heat or smoke comes in close it quickly and use your other escape.

USE THIS GRAPH TO SKETCH THE FLOORPLAN OF YOUR HOUSE

