

Plan Your Escape

You may have as little as 2 minutes to evacuate your home in the event of a fire. A fire escape plan and regular fire drills can save the lives of you and your loved ones.

Your Escape Plan involves your entire household – a fire escape plan is everyone's business!



- Draw a floor plan of your home that shows two ways out of every room.
- Walk through each room of your home and note every exit
- Make sure doors and windows can be easily opened
- If items are blocking hallways, doors or windows, move them out of the way
- Pick an outside meeting place a safe distance away from the home where everyone will meet after escaping. Include the meeting place on your plan.
- Place your escape plan where everyone can see it, like on the refrigerator. Make sure everyone understands the escape plan and knows to call 9-1-1

Are You Fire Ready? PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!

- Hold home fire drills at least twice a year.
- Have fire drills at night, too.
- Practice escaping from bedrooms when people are asleep.
- Make the drills as realistic as possible.
- If you have an escape ladder, practice setting it up from the first floor. Children should only practice when adults are present.
- Ensure everyone goes to your Safe Meeting Place.
- Everyone should know to stop, drop, cover their face with their hands and roll if their clothes catch on fire.



Special Considerations

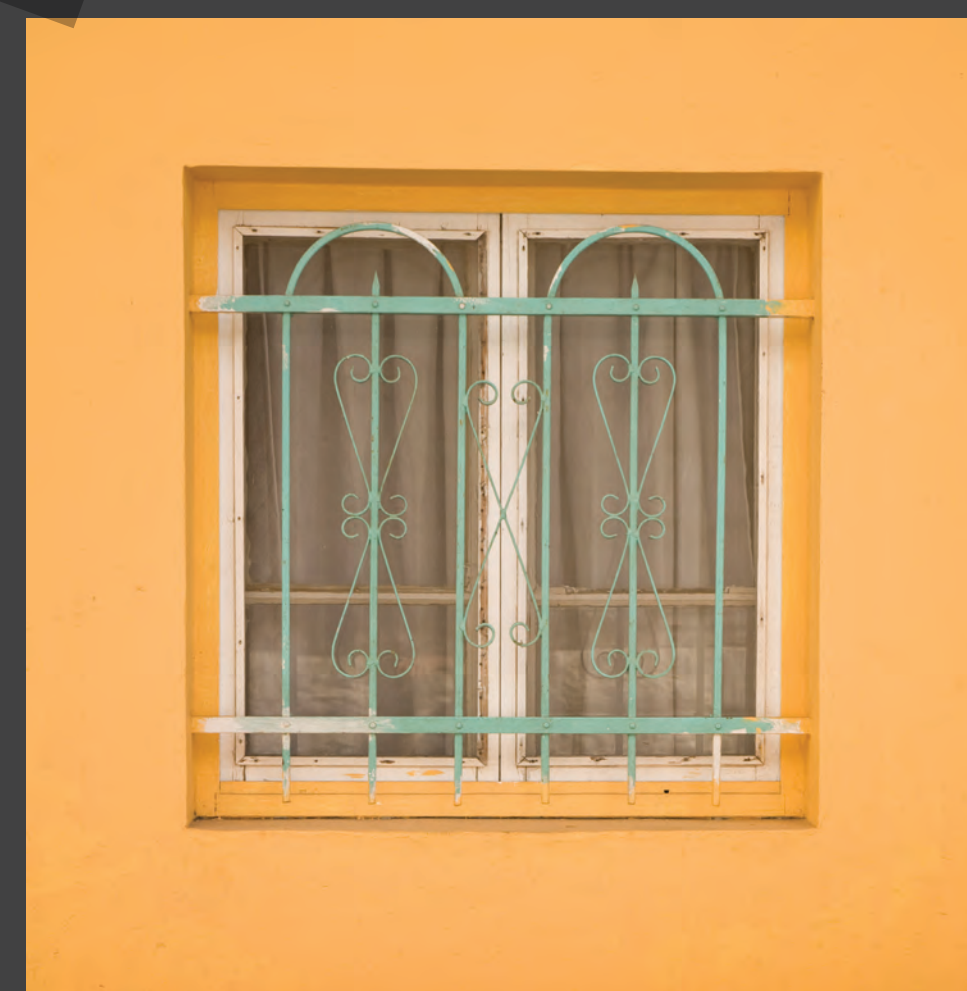
Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance

If members of your family have limited mobility, are elderly or infants, assign someone to assist these individuals in making a safe escape.



Security Bars

Security bars should have emergency release devices so that they can be opened from the inside.



Things to Remember:

- Make sure there are smoke alarms on every level of the home as well as inside and outside of each sleeping area. Test the alarms every month.
- Once you hear the smoke alarm, leave the house immediately.
- Test doors for heat before you open them. Don't open doors that are hot to the touch.
- If you have to escape through smoke, crawl underneath it and keep your mouth covered.
- Once you're out of the house, stay out.
- Your house number should be visible from the street so that emergency personnel can find your home.

IN A REAL FIRE - GET OUT & STAY OUT!

