



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 and practice 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.

FACTS

More than one-third of North 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 than 3 minutes.

IF THE 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.