

Prepare & Plan



Make a Plan

- Have a family meeting.
- Choose a meeting place outside that a safe distance from your home (ex: tree, light pole, neighbors home)
- Go to each room and show two ways to get out
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the address.

Practice

- Push the test buttons on the smoke alarm.
- Get low and go quickly.
- Close the doors on your way out. This may slow the spread of smoke and fire.
- Go to your designed meeting place.
- Discuss how it went and if anything needs to be changed.

If There's a Fire

- When the smoke alarm goes off, get outside to your meeting place and call 911.
- If you can't get out your first way, use the second way.
- Before opening the door, feel the doorknob and door. If it's hot don't open and go out the second way.

- If opening a door, do it slowly and be ready to close it if there is heavy smoke or fire.
- If you are unable to get out, cover the vents and door cracks with cloth. Signal for help at the window.

Smoke Alarm Usage

- They should be placed inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. They also need to be on every level of the home.
- If possible, have them all connected so when one goes off they all go off.
- Test them once a month.
- Make sure everyone knows what the alarm sounds like and what it means.