

DEVELOPING A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Fire is a leading cause of preventable deaths in the home. Being prepared to handle this emergency saves lives! You can help your family safely exit your home in the event of a fire.

Here are some guidelines for developing a fire plan:

- Have smoke alarms on every level of your home
- Make sure a smoke alarm is inside or near every bedroom
- Test each smoke alarm monthly
- Push the test button until you hear a loud noise
- Change your batteries yearly, or as needed, on a date you can remember like daylight savings time
- Make a fire escape plan for your family – sketch out a floor plan of your home
- Make sure every family member is familiar with the plan.
- Clear hallways of all clutter
- Make sure windows and doors open easily
- Select two escape routes from your house
- Have a place to meet in front of your home
- Practice your escape plan, every second counts
- **Make sure every family member knows the Emergency number is 911 and how to use it**

