

# Home is where the heart is. Don't Let Your World Go Up in Smoke.



Fire is fast! In less than 30 seconds a small flame can turn into a major fire. Smoke and toxic gases from a home fire kill more people than flames. Every home needs fire protection and a plan for escape.

## Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms give you early warning if there is a fire. Make sure your home is protected. Do this today.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Place smoke alarms inside and outside of all the sleeping areas.
- Make sure all of your smoke alarms work. Test them each month.
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older.

## Children

Children under the age of four are at a higher risk of home fire injury and death than older children. Plan for this.

- Teach all children what the smoke alarm sounds like.
- Be aware that children may sleep through the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Practice your escape plan with children.
- Teach older children how to get outside if there is a fire.

## Escape Plan

You may have less than three minutes to escape a home fire. Every second counts. Make a plan. Talk with your family about what to do if there is a fire. Practice your escape plan.

- Know two ways out of every room.
- A closed door can stop the spread of gas, heat and smoke.
- Have a meeting place outside your home.
- Know how to call 9-1-1 from outside to report a fire.
- Practice your escape plan with everyone who lives in your home at least twice a year.



### Did you buy a home with installed fire sprinklers?

Learn how this fire safety system saves lives and protects your property and valuables: <http://homefiresprinkler.org>.



Learn more about fire prevention:  
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