



FIRE DRILLS

the GREATESCAPE

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Could You Escape A FIRE?

*A fire can fill your entire house with smoke in 1–2 minutes.
Most people killed in fires die in the first five minutes.*

FOUR SIMPLE STEPS WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!

1. PLAN

Have a household meeting. Draw a fire escape plan on a large sheet of paper. Mark the location of all doors and windows. Map two ways out of every room. Pick a safe meeting place outside and away from your home where everyone will meet, and clearly mark it on your map. Post your plan.

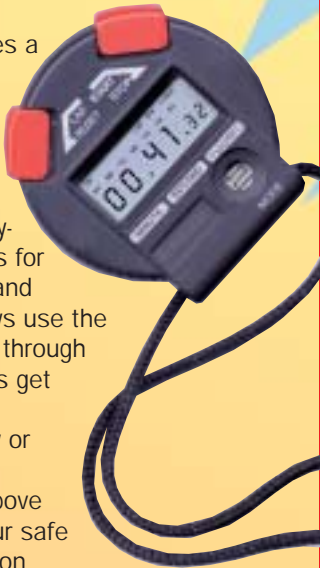


2. PREPARE

Install smoke detectors and keep them operating. All stairwells, doors and windows must stay clear and unobstructed. Keep the keys to deadbolt locks either in the doors or near the doors. Purchase fire escape ladders for second floor windows.

3. PRACTICE

Practice fire drills at least two times a year, both during the day and at night. Night drills simulate the conditions of smoke in a fire and better prepare you for an emergency. Trigger a smoke detector alarm and begin timing. Have everyone crawl on the floor, check doors for heat with the back of their hands and close all doors behind them. Always use the stairs – NEVER use elevators. Exit through first floor windows only, and always get children out first. NEVER practice exiting from a second floor window or higher, and NEVER, even in an emergency, drop from a window above the second floor. Go directly to your safe meeting place. When the last person arrives, stop the timer.



4. REVIEW

Discuss the results and look for problem areas. Fix everything you noticed, and repeat the drill.

You Won't Survive Without A PLAN!