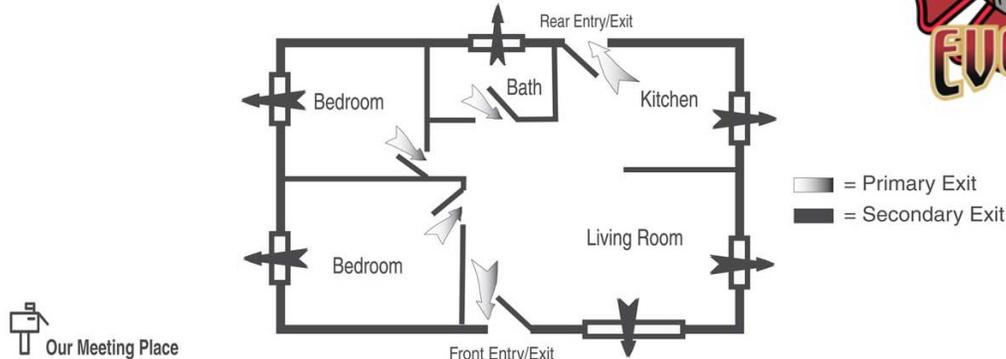


# Home Fire Escape Plan



A Fire can occur in any part of your home



## Plan

## Practice

### Test Your Smoke Alarms Monthly

Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, in bedrooms, and outside any other sleeping areas. Test your alarms as a family so that every member is familiar with the sound.

### Push the Test Button & Begin the Drill!

Place family members in rooms with doors closed, turn on the radio or television to simulate real living conditions. Consider testing your alarm after children have been asleep for a few hours to see if they wake up.

### Plan Two Ways Out of Every Room

Can you open the windows easily? Can you reach the ground, or do you need an escape ladder?

### Use Both Ways Out of Every Room

Practice both exit plans – primary and secondary. If a ladder is needed for escaping second floors, now is the time to practice using it – not in an actual emergency!

### Smoke Kills – Crawl Low & Go

Deadly smoke rises, so good air is usually 12 to 24 inches from the floor; therefore, it's important to stay low as you crawl out of the house.

### Get on your Knees and Start Crawling

In a real fire, you may not be able to see well, so turn off the lights to really test your crawl low and go exiting skills! Did family members crawl low and find their way out?

### Plan to Call 911 from a Neighbor's House

Make sure your children know the neighbor and feel comfortable going to them in the event of an emergency.

### Simulate Calling 911 from the Neighbors

Did someone remember to go to the neighbor's house to simulate calling 911? Did they report back that they placed the call?

### Identify an Outside Meeting Place

Identify a fixed object outside your home (mailbox, tree, neighbor's driveway, etc.) as a meeting place where all family members agree to wait once they have escaped.

### Meet at your Meeting Place

Did everyone meet at the designated meeting place? If so, celebrate with a special family treat! If not, discuss what went wrong and how you can improve.

