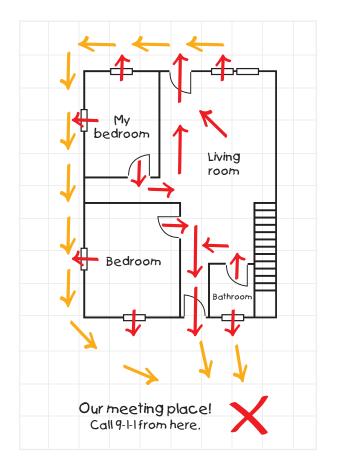
Is a home fire escape plan really necessary?

Yes. And here's why: In Ontario 85% of all fire fatalities happen at home. Within Ontario, we've seen a significant rise in fatal fires and the number of people we've lost in these fires is very concerning. Entire families have been lost to fire and the most troubling part is that the majority of these could have been prevented had there been working smoke alarms and a well thought out and practiced home fire escape plan.

Today there is an average of 3 minutes or less to escape a home fire due to synthetic furnishings, open floor plans and light weight construction that can combine to accelerate the spread of a fire.



FIRE WON'T WAIT... PLAN YOUR ESCAPE!



For all emergencies dial



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HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING Keep your family safe.



Follow this simple guide to keep your family safe!

Make a home fire escape plan that includes:

1. A Floor Plan of Your House

Be sure to include every level and room as well as stairways and hallways.

2. All Emergency Exits

Emergency exits can be doors and windows. Are family members familiar with how to open certain windows (locks etc.)?

3. Two Ways Out of Every Room

The first way out should be using the door to exit the home the normal way. The second way out could be through a window. If you need a home escape ladder to escape from an upper floor window, get one before there's an emergency.

4. Smoke Alarms

There should be a working smoke alarm on every floor and outside of sleeping areas in your home. Smoke alarms are the best warning if there's a fire, but only if they are working properly. Test smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries every year.

5. A Meeting Place

Where will you meet after your escape? A good meeting place would be a tree, telephone pole or a neighbour's home. Mark it on the floor plan. It's important to have a meeting place outside so that everyone knows you are safe.

6. Special Planning

Small children or elderly people in your home may need extra assistance to escape. Decide who will help them out of the home ahead of time.

7. Practise!

A home escape plan doesn't work if you can't remember what to do. Make sure everyone in your household practises your escape plan. Post your family's completed home escape plan where everyone can see it. It is recommended to be practised twice annually.



THIS IS MY FAMILY'S HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN!

Our meeting place is: _____

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