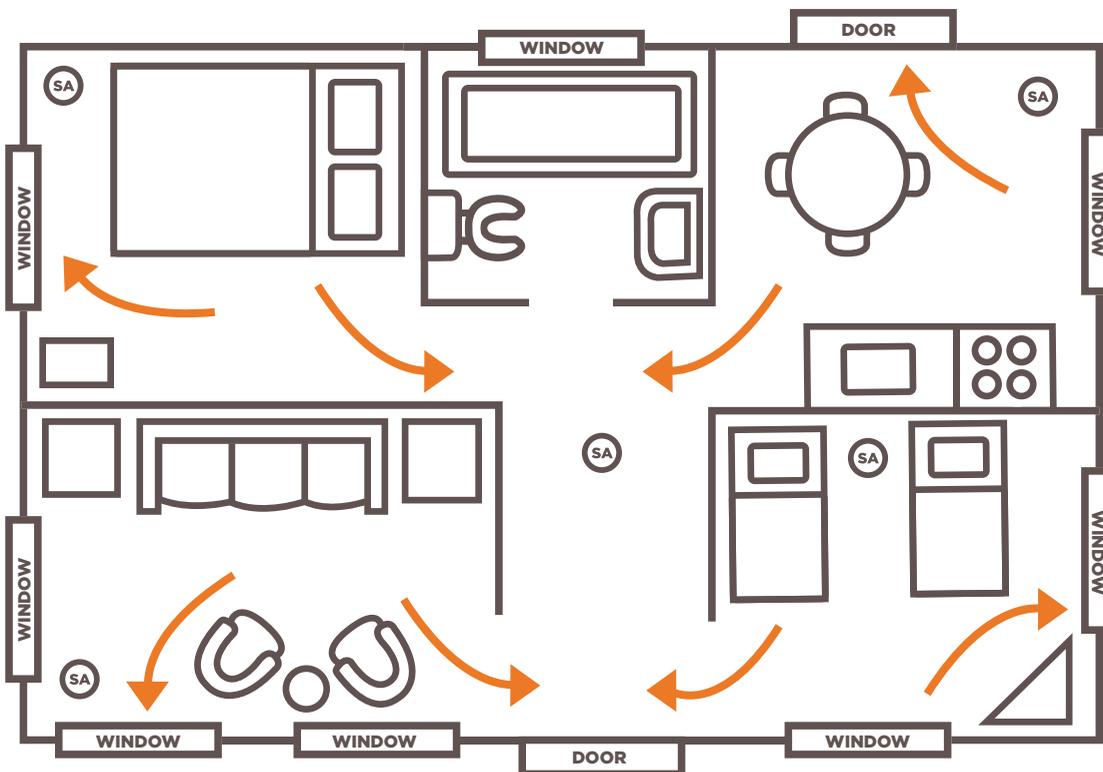


# How to Make a Home Fire Escape Plan

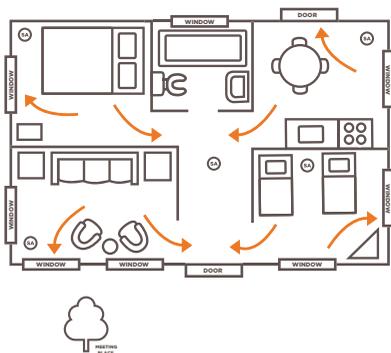
- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home.
- Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire escape drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan on the back of this paper.



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Memorize your **fire department's emergency phone number** and write it here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use the space below to create your home fire escape plan!**



- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with SA. Smoke alarms should be in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

**Grown-ups:** Children don't always awake when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs. Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at [www.nfpa.org/factsheets](http://www.nfpa.org/factsheets).

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**Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.**

## SAFETY TIPS

- + Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- + Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- + Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- + Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- + Practice using different ways out.
- + Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- + Close doors behind you as you leave.

## IF THE ALARM SOUNDS

- + If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- + If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
- + Call the fire department from outside your home.

## FACTS

- ! According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 45% of those have practiced it.
- ! One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!