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HOME ESCAPE PLANS

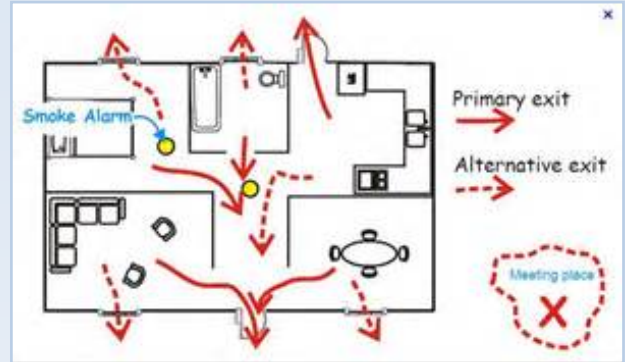
Most people say they feel safest at home. According to the US Fire Administration, data shows 83% of all fire deaths in the U.S. happen in homes. **Be Prepared! PRACTICE your home fire escape plan!** Make your New Year's resolution for being ready.

In the event of a home fire, every second counts. Be ready by practicing. When you hear the fire/smoke alarm you need to act fast.

Have a Fire Drill!

- 🔥 **Push the smoke alarm button to start the drill.**
- 🔥 **Practice using different ways out.** At least 2 ways out of each room. (door/window)
- 🔥 **Practice what to do in case there is smoke. Get low and go.**
- 🔥 **Close doors behind you as you leave.** This slows the spread of heat and toxic smoke.
- 🔥 **Get out and stay out.** Never go back inside for people, pets, or personal belongings.
- 🔥 **Go to your outside meeting place then call 9-1-1 from outside.** Having a meeting spot ensures you know your family is out and reducing the risk of a fire fighter's life in going inside to do a search and rescue.

Smoke Alarms - Make sure your home is protected by working smoke alarms. Half of all home fire deaths happen at night, when people are sleeping. Test them once a month and replace them every 10 years.



Practice Your Escape Plan, Know 2 Ways Out



Best wishes for the New Year!
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