

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

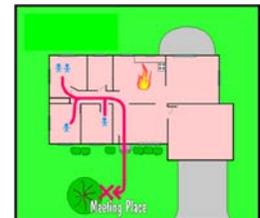


FIRE FACTS

- 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.

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

- Develop an escape plan; include a map of your home showing all doors and windows.
- Have 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.
- Twice a year conduct home fire drills at night and during the day.
- 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

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.



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