

OCTOBER: WEEK 2— Home Fire Escape Planning

Overview: Escape planning is something that every resident should understand and practice. Fires can happen anywhere at any time, so it is important to plan your escape ahead of time.



Resources: The following resources are available:

- Escape planning grid (NFPA)
 - <http://www.nfpa.org/~media/files/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week/fpw17/fpw17escapeplangrid.pdf?la=en>
- Fire escape planning (USFA)
 - <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/escape.html>
- Basic fire escape planning (NFPA)
 - <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Escape-planning>
- “Home Fire Escape Plan” template from Red Cross
 - https://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m38640160_Home_Fire_Escape_Plan.pdf
- Home fire escape plans (YouTube video from Spokane Fire)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H6y40hnrc4>
- Fire safety – have two ways out
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9KSFRq4rXA>

Media Tools: Use the following pre-written media releases and social media posts in your efforts to promote home fire escape planning:

- **Twitter**
 - Look for places in your home where a fire can start. Here are leading causes of home fires: <https://bit.ly/3iXiEpW>
 - Do you know what your smoke alarm sounds like? Know what to do if you hear it! <https://bit.ly/3gVimOG>
 - Look for two exits from every room in your home - usually a door and a window. <https://bit.ly/38QEQxk>
 - Download the @NFPA home escape planning tip sheet & keep your family safe! <https://bit.ly/38QEQxk>
- **Facebook**
 - Look for places home fires can start and minimize those risks: Keep cooking areas clear of clutter, keep anything that can burn well away from heat sources, and make sure electrical outlets aren’t overloaded. <https://bit.ly/3iXiEpW>
 - Do you know what your smoke alarm sounds like? If you hear it, take it seriously – whether you’re at home or any other location! <https://bit.ly/3gVimOG>
 - Make sure you have adequate smoke alarm protection! You should have at least 1 smoke alarm on every level of your home, in each bedroom, and near all sleeping areas.
 - Test smoke alarms once a month to make sure they’re working! For more info, and to request a free smoke alarm, go to www.tn.gov/fire.

Educator Tip: Contact your local library to see if they provide free literature on home fire escape planning. If they do not, see if you can provide copies of NFPA or Red Cross's fire escape plan to the library to give away. Another option may be to host a "fire safety hour" in which your department teaches a session on fire escape planning library visitors.

NFPA Messaging:

Home Fire Escape

4.1.2 Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of each level of the home. Show all doors and windows. Go to each room and point to the two ways out. Practice the plan with everyone in your household, including visitors.

4.1.7 Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open.

If There Is a Fire

4.3.1 When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Go to the outside meeting place. Call 911.