

# FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING

## CREATE:

- Draw a floor plan for each floor of your home, including windows and doors. For each room, find two ways out and label them on your plan, so everyone knows what to do and where to go.
- Designate one adult to help get babies, young children, or family members who need extra help out safely.
- Decide on a safe meeting place for your family.

## EXPLAIN:

- Test your smoke alarms once a month, and make sure your child can recognize the sound.
- Teach your child to get low and crawl on the ground where the air is less smoky.
- Show your child how to use the back of his hand to check doorknobs and doors for heat before opening. Teach them to use a different way out if the door is hot to the touch.
- Show your child where you keep the escape ladder, and how to use it.

- Teach children to let firefighters and adults know where they are by answering their calls. Even if they are scared, they should never hide.
- Teach children to NEVER go back inside a burning building. Once they are out, stay out!

## PRACTICE:

- Practice your fire escape plan twice a year, at different times of the day or night, and with different ways out.
- See how fast everyone can get out and to the specified meeting place. The goal should be under 2 minutes.
- Teach children how to stop, drop and roll.

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