How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

- Check the layout of your home. Draw a map showing all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- Check that all windows and doors open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Test them to ensure they are working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet there.
- Make sure your house or building number is visible 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 drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.
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Memorize your fire department’s emergency phone number and write it below:

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• 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!

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Grown-ups: Children don’t always wake up 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.