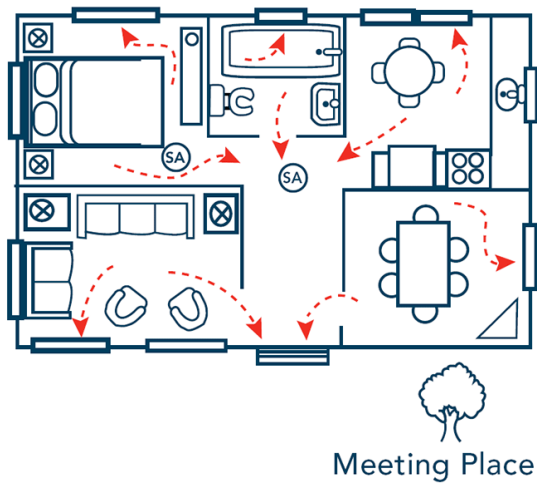


Home Escape Plans

On average, you'll only have two minutes to escape from a housefire after the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use those minutes can make a lifesaving difference.

A home escape plan contains the layout of your home, the escape routes that should be used, and where to meet once you are outside. It is important to create and practice an escape plan with everyone who lives in your home so that they know what to do if there is a fire.



How to create a home escape plan

1. Draw a floor plan of your home that includes all doors and windows.
2. Draw two ways out of every room for each family member, including infants and family members with limited mobility. Using a door to get out of your home is your first option. A second option can be to use a window.
3. Pick a meeting place outside your home where everyone should gather after leaving your home. This meeting place can be a neighbor's house, a tree, or a telephone pole.
4. Remind your family to never go back into a burning building.

Keep your escape routes clear

Make sure to remove anything that may block your escape routes and keep them clear throughout the year. Be sure to check that all doors and windows open easily and that they are not blocked from the inside or outside.

Make sure all members of your family know your fire escape plan.

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