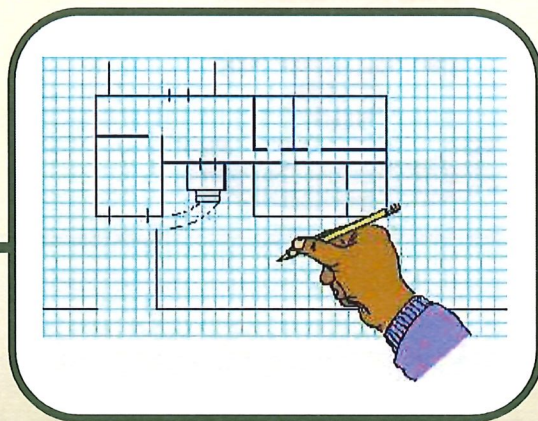


East Selkirk Fire Department



Fire Safety for Families

“Home Escape Planning”



Step by Step to Fire Safety

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Why You Need a Home Escape Plan

- ▶▶ When fire strikes there is no time to think.
- ▶▶ Most fatal fires happen at night when people are sleeping.
- ▶▶ Fire is fast, hot and dark!
- ▶▶ The faster everyone can exit the home, the sooner the fire department can be notified and respond.



Creating a Plan

- ▶▶ Install working smoke alarms.
- ▶▶ Create a home escape plan with the entire family.
- ▶▶ Post it for all family members to see.
- ▶▶ Show TWO ways out of each room.
- ▶▶ Identify a family meeting place a safe distance away from the home.

Practising Your Plan

- ▶▶ Hold regular fire drills – at least twice per year.
- ▶▶ Involve ALL family members!
- ▶▶ Make your practise realistic.
- ▶▶ Practise two ways out.

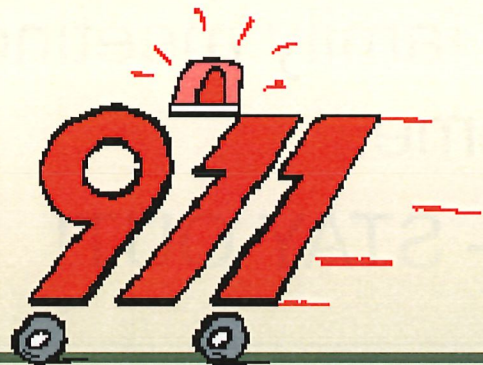


If There is a Fire...

- ▶▶ When the smoke alarm sounds leave immediately!
- ▶▶ Check doors before opening them.
- ▶▶ If your first exit is blocked, use your second exit.
- ▶▶ Crawl low under smoke.
- ▶▶ Gather at the family meeting place after exiting the home.
- ▶▶ **ONCE OUT – STAY OUT!**

Notifying the Fire Department

- ▶▶ Ensure all family members know the emergency telephone number.
- ▶▶ Call 9-1-1 from a neighbours' phone.
- ▶▶ Stay on the line until the operator tells you to hang up.



If You are Trapped...

- ▶▶ Close all doors between you and the fire.
- ▶▶ Fill cracks around the door with blankets or cloths.
- ▶▶ Call 9-1-1.
- ▶▶ If safe, open the window and signal for help.
- ▶▶ **DO NOT HIDE!** Yell for help and listen for firefighters

Special Considerations

- ▶▶ Windows and locks should be easy to unlock and open.
- ▶▶ Ensure you have a safe way to reach the ground from upper storey windows.
- ▶▶ Develop a plan for infants and young children, and family members with special needs.



Conclusion

▶▶ Why Have a Home Escape Plan?

- When fire strikes there is no time to think!
- What you do in the first three minutes is crucial.

▶▶ Key Parts of the Plan

- Ensure your home has working smoke alarms.
- Show TWO ways out of each room.
- Identify a family meeting place.
- Know your local emergency telephone number.
- Practice fire drills with Family

Thank You!

