

Fire moves Fast!

A small flame can turn into a major fire in less than 30 seconds.

Here are some ways to keep your home and family fire safe!

➔ Smoke Alarms

Smoke Alarms indicate an early warning of a fire!

- ✓ Place smoke alarms on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.
- ✓ Test smoke alarms every month and replace them after 10 years.



➔ Kitchen Safety

Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires.

- ✓ Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking. If you leave, turn the burner off.
- ✓ Keep things that can burn, like cloths and paper products, away from your cooking area.



➔ Home Heating

Heating is the 2nd leading cause of home fires.

- ✓ Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters.
- ✓ Unplug heaters before going to bed.
- ✓ Never use an extension cord to plug in heating appliances.
- ✓ Make sure heaters have an automatic shut-off switch in case it tips over.
- ✓ Ensure furnaces and chimneys are inspected before cold weather sets in.



➔ Smokers

Smoking in your home leads to higher risk of fire.

- ✓ Always smoke outside and use water to ensure cigarettes are all the way out.
- ✓ Smoke only when alert, never when you're drowsy.

If you or a loved one need help quitting, please reach out to: New York State Smokers' Quit-line at 1-866-NY-QUITS



➔ Young children & older adults

Children under 4 years old are at higher risk of home fire injury and death. Injury in a fire increases with older age.

- ✓ Keep children at least 3 feet away from anything that gets hot. Ensure they know how to escape on their own.
- ✓ Ensure everyone can hear the smoke alarms or install alert devices.
- ✓ Older adults may need help escaping. Keep wheelchairs, eyeglasses, and hearing aids next to the bed.



Genesee County Health Department

Home Fire Safety

Contact Information

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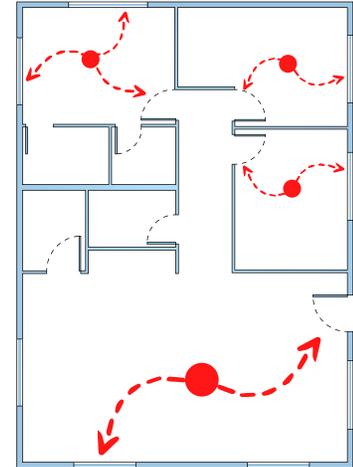
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Our Home Fire Escape Plan

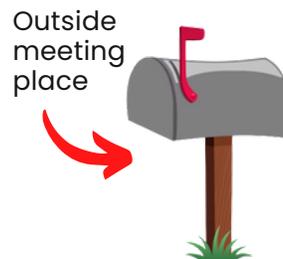
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Example



How to make a home fire escape plan:

- ➔ Draw your home's floor plan. Mark the locations of all windows and doors.
- ➔ Mark at least two ways out of every room.
- ➔ Choose a meeting place somewhere outside your home to go in case of a fire. Draw it on the map as well!



- ➔ Write the emergency number for your local fire department in the space provided.
- ➔ Be sure to practice your plan at least two times a year with everyone in your household!