

Home Fire Escape Plan

Have a Plan

Make a plan for every room and every member of your home. The plan should show two (2) ways out of every room, including windows.

Means of Egress

Ensure doors & windows can be opened easily and quickly from the inside by everyone in the household. Make sure to practice opening them.

Have a Meeting Place

Pick a meeting place outside, well away from the building. Do a head count at the meeting place to make sure everyone got out.

Call 911

Call 911 as soon as you are outside safely.

Stay Out

Once you are outside, stay outside.

Tips for a safe escape

- If you see smoke, try another way out. If you cannot avoid the smoke, crawl under it on your hands and knees.
- Do not stop or go back for anything.
- Possessions can be replaced. You cannot.
- Remember fire spreads quickly.
- Get out fast and stay out.
- Call 911 as quickly as possible.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Count your smoke alarms

The Violet Township Fire Department recommends you install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom. Both Ionization & Photo-electric types should be installed per manufacturer's recommendation.

Check your smoke alarms

Press the test button on smoke alarms each month to make certain they are still working.

Vacuum your smoke alarms

Clean smoke alarms each month of dust and cobwebs to keep them working properly.

Change your batteries

- Change smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low.
- An easy way to remember is in the spring & fall when clocks are changed each year
- Detectors with ten (10) year sealed batteries are recommended

Change your alarm

Replace smoke alarms once every ten years.

Know the sound

Make sure everyone in the home can hear and recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to react immediately. Assistive devices are available for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A properly operated fire extinguisher can stop a small fire and keep it from growing.

- An ABC, multipurpose dry chemical extinguisher is the recommended type.

Before using, be sure you:

- Call 9-1-1
- Have alerted others to evacuate
- Know fire extinguisher location
- Know how to use the fire extinguisher
- Know how to tell if the fire is safe to fight

Leave YOURSELF An Escape Route

Fire Drill Checklist

- The escape plan has been discussed with the family.
- Start the drill with everyone in their room.
- Start the drill by sounding the smoke alarm.
- It's important to recognize the sound of the smoke alarm
- Practice using your main escape routes first.
- Do not run.
- Just go quickly & calmly outside to the meeting place.
- The meeting place is located safely away from building.
- Everyone arrives at meeting place in under two minutes.
- Someone pretends to go call 911 for help.

Know what information to give the 911 dispatcher!

- **Be sure to speak clearly and calmly**
- **Location of Emergency**
- **What is the Emergency**
- **Phone number you are calling from**