

# Home escape plan

Every household should have some sort of escape plan in place, in an unlikely event that a fire breaks out in the home. Hopefully you will never have to use it, but it is important to prepare for it so there is no delay when it is put into action.



## Plan Together

As a family plan together ensuring that everyone in the household knows the plan and what to do in the unlikely event of fire occurring.

Special arrangements need to be made in consideration of any possible elderly, young or disabled family members that would need to be able to escape the home safely.

## The Escape Route

Ensure that the escape route is practicable and can be carried out. Agree as a family at least two possible escape plans, in case one of your escape routes is blocked. Identify a meeting place outside the home.

It is also advisable to have a room in which you could all stay in if the worse was to happen. It would be suggested that this room also has a telephone so you can summon help. Make sure all the children know your address in case they have to telephone themselves.

## Safety in the Home

Know the dangers and fire precautions necessary in the home to prevent a fire in the first place such as:

- **If you have gas, oil or coal-burning appliances be aware of carbon monoxide. Ensure your home is properly ventilated and equipment is regularly serviced and maintained.**
- **Turn off portable heaters, as well as gas and electric fires before going to bed.**
- **Make sure open fires have the fire guard in place and secure.**
- **Never leave fires, candles or any form of naked flame in the home unattended and ensure candles are secure before lighting.**
- **Keep heaters away from clothes, furniture and curtains.**
- **Keep windows and doors shut to stop the fire spreading.**



## Task

Go into groups and talk about your own home escape plan. You also might wish to talk about the fire evacuation plan from the Scout hut or hall you are meeting every week.

Create a home escape plan

- 1 **Talk about the home each of you live in ie is it a house terraced, semi or detached, is it a flat or maisonette?**
- 2 **How many members are there in your family? Are there any considerations such as an elderly or disabled family member?**
- 3 **Plan two ways out of every room, draw a plan of your home and the possible escape routes**
- 4 **Identify a meeting place outside the home**
- 5 **Make sure your escape route is not at risk**
- 6 **Review with your Scout leader and also with your family at home**

