

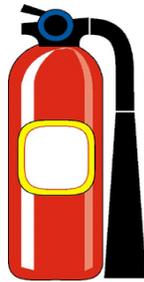
## Fire safety at home



Install a **smoke alarm** outside each sleeping area and on each level of your home. If people in your home sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas. **Test** smoke alarms once a month and **replace** all batteries at least once a year. Replace alarms every 10 years.



**Have one or more fire extinguishers** in your home. Contact your local fire department for advice on which types work best.



### Plan your escape routes



- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor.

- Select a location where everyone would meet after escaping.



- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year with members of your household.

## Escape safely



If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.



If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.

If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes and you cannot escape through a window, stay in the room with the door closed.

Signal for help using a brightly colored cloth at the window. If there is a phone in the room, call 911 and tell dispatchers where you are.



Once you are out, stay out! Call 911 from a neighbor's home.

Remember: Test smoke alarms monthly and replace their batteries at least once a year.



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