



The \_\_\_\_\_ **Family's Home Safety Action Plan**

**ACTION #1**

**Make the first Saturday of each month “Smoke Alarm Saturday”!**

A working smoke alarm will clue you in that there is a fire and you need to escape. Fire moves fast. You and your family could have only minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

- Smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test all of your smoke alarms by pushing the test button. If it makes a loud beep, beep, beep sound, you know it's working. If there is no sound or the sound is low, it's time to replace the battery. If the smoke alarm is older than 10 years old, you need to replace the whole unit.
- If your smoke alarm makes a “chirp,” that means it needs a new battery. Change the battery right away.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the alarm and what to do when it sounds. (See ACTION #2.)



**ACTION #2**

**Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year!**

Having a home fire escape plan will make sure everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds so they can get out safely.

- Draw a map of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure they are part of the plan.
- Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily.
- Pick an outside meeting place (something permanent like a neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) that is a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet.
- Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely outside.
- Practice! Practice! Practice! Practice day and nighttime home fire drills. Share your home escape plans with overnight guests.



**REMEMBER:**

**When You Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!**

Get out and stay out. Call **9-1-1** from your outside meeting place.

**Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!**

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire alarm if it is older than 10 years old. If you don't remember how old it is, replace it.

# Family Fire Safety Activity

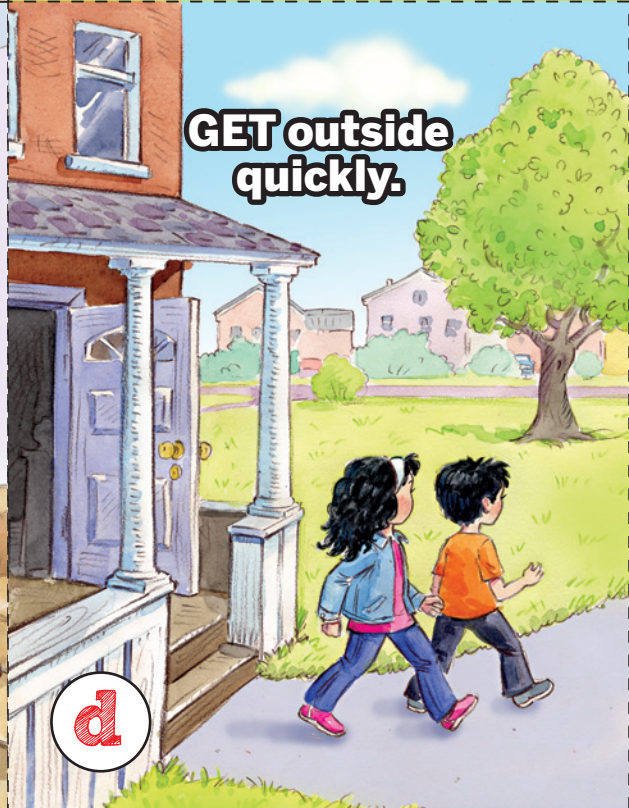
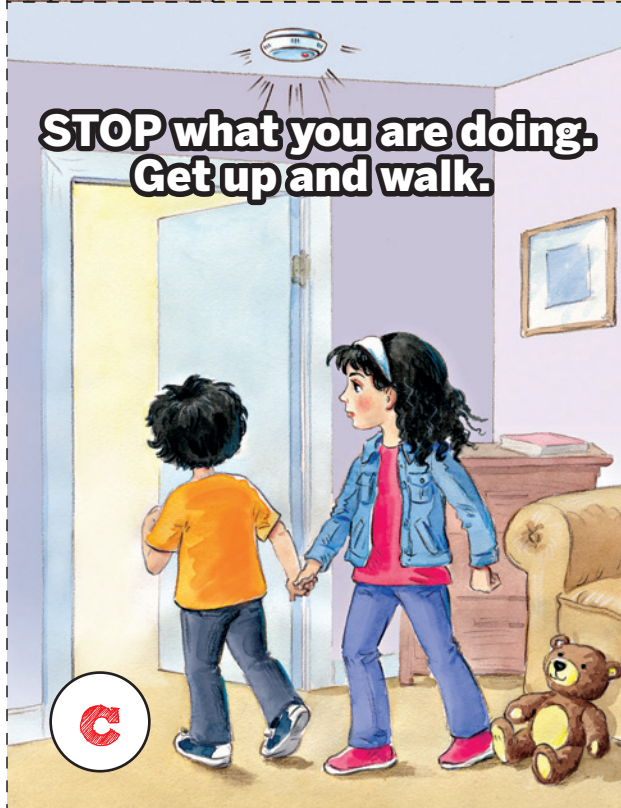
These mixed-up pictures show the four important things to do if the smoke alarm makes the BEEP, BEEP, BEEP sound. **Number them in the right order.**

1 = \_\_\_\_\_

2 = \_\_\_\_\_

3 = \_\_\_\_\_

4 = \_\_\_\_\_



**Answer Key:** 1 = c, 2 = a, 3 = d, 4 = b



**Kids**

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# How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan



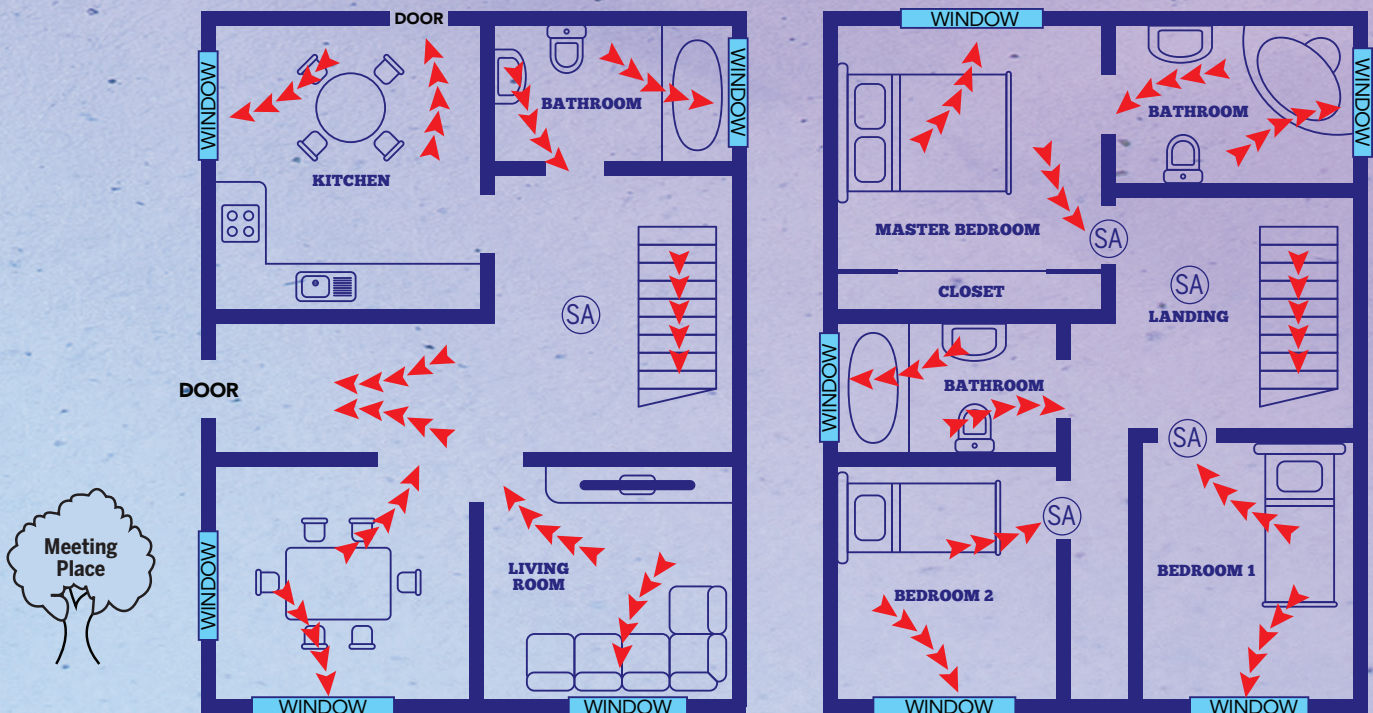
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- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

## Sample Escape Plan



**1st FLOOR**

**2nd FLOOR**



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# SMOKE ALARMS

## A Sound You Can Live With

BEEP!  
BEEP!  
BEEP!

Vrooom

### Seek & Find!

Sparky the Fire Dog® and his friends are on a trip to a natural history museum. Can you find these things hidden on the poster?

- 10 Smoke Alarms
- 7 Batteries
- At least 11 Silly Things—how many do you see?

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