



# Home Escape Plan

**"Have Two Ways Out!"**

## Planning

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of each level of the home. Show all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your household, including visitors.
- Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Ensure that someone will help them.
- Children should be taught how to escape on their own in case an adult is not there.
- Practice your home fire drill with overnight guests.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- If a room has a window air conditioner, make sure there is still a second way out of the room.
- If you sleep with the bedroom door closed, install smoke alarms inside and outside the bedroom. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected.
- Windows with security bars, grills, and window guards should have emergency release devices.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number from a cell phone or from a neighbor's phone.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows the sound and understands the warning of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Have an outside meeting place (something permanent, like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance in front of the home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen day or night from the street.
- Have a plan for everyone in your home who has a disability.

Hey Kids! It's me, Blaze! Let's talk about having a Home Escape Plan! Remember, always "Have Two Ways Out!"



## If There Is a Fire

- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out! Go to the outside meeting place. Call 9-1-1.
  - If there is smoke blocking your door or first way out, use your second way out.
  - Smoke is poisonous. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
  - Before opening a door, feel the doorknob and door. If either is hot, leave the door closed and use your second way out.
  - If there is smoke coming around the door, leave the door closed and use your second way out.
  - If you open a door, open it slowly. Be ready to shut it quickly if heavy smoke or fire is present.
  - If pets are trapped inside your home, tell fire fighters right away. Never re-enter a burning building.
  - If you can't get out, close the door and cover vents and cracks around doors with cloth or tape to keep smoke out.
- Call 9-1-1. Say where you are and signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight.

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