

Tips for Multistory Buildings

- Your building manager should post the emergency escape plan on every floor.
- Practice the building escape plan.
- Know the location of all the doors leading outside and know where fire alarms are.
- During a drill or fire, follow instructions given over your building public address system, if you have one.
- Keep a cell phone with you during an emergency.
- Never use elevators during a fire.
- If trapped inside, seal vents, cracks around doors with a wet cloth. Call 911, tell them where you are, and signal from a window with a flashlight or a lightly colored cloth.



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E.D.I.T.H Exit Drills in the Home



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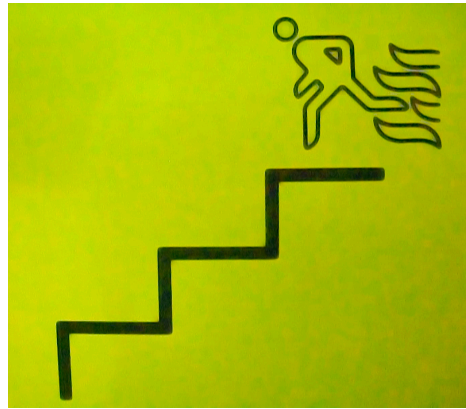
When the Smoke Alarm Sounds, Don't Hang Around

- 80% of fire deaths happen in the home. That's why you need working smoke alarms and a plan to get out of the house in case of a fire.
- Have a home escape plan in place to get out of your home quickly.

Make a Home Escape Plan

- Get everyone in your home together. Find all doors and windows that lead outside. Make sure they open easily.
- Windows or doors with security bars, grills or window guards should have an emergency release so they can be used for escape.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. One way will be the door, and the second may be a window.
- Have a plan for anyone who may need assistance to escape, such as young children, older adults, or people with disabilities.

- Stairs and exits should be clear of furniture or clutter.
- Choose a meeting place a safe distance from the home once everyone escapes.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 911.



Practice Twice a Year

- Push all smoke alarm buttons to start the drill.
- Get out fast.
- Close doors behind you.
- Go to your outside meeting place.
- Practice your escape plan during the night and during the day.
- Practice using different ways out.

Have Working Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the house, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. Interconnect all smoke alarms.
- Make sure everyone knows what the smoke alarms sound like and they are able to hear them.
- Test the alarms once a month.
- When a smoke alarm sounds and there is smoke or a fire, get out and stay out.

Make a Safe Escape

- If smoke is blocking your way out, use your secondary exit. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke line to escape.
- Close all doors behind you.
- If you can't get to someone who needs help, leave them and tell the fire department where they are.
- Once outside call the fire department.

