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Creating Your Own Fire Escape Plan – A Family Project

Having a home fire escape plan is very important. Make sure your entire family knows how to get out safely in case of a fire.

To make a great fire escape plan, you will need:

- home fire escape plan grid (www.nfpa.org/sparky/PDF/escape_plan.pdf)
- a pencil
- crayons
- your family (involve as many family members as possible)

What to do:

1. Count the number of rooms in your home. You will need to draw each one on your grid.
2. Count the number of smoke alarms in your home. Draw them on your plan as a circle and color them RED.
3. Find the windows in your home and mark each one in BLUE.
4. Find the doors in your home and mark each one in GREEN.
5. Walk through your home and make sure that you can find two ways out of each room. Make sure there is nothing blocking an exit – label your exits ORANGE.
6. Decide on an outside meeting place. Draw and label it on your plan and circle it in PURPLE.
7. Practice, practice, practice! The escape plan can only really work if you practice. Have a fire drill with your family during the day and again at night. Have someone time how long it takes for everyone to get out. See if you can improve your family's time with practice.