

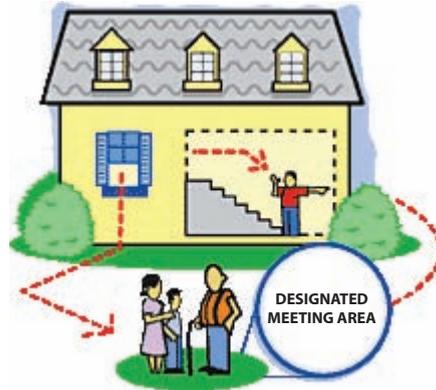
Fire Safety

Fire Escape Planning

When it comes to escaping fires, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts. It is important to have fire escape plans and to regularly practice those plans to help you get out of your home quickly.

Tips for Escape Planning

- Practice escaping from every room in the house, both during the day and at night.
- Every room should have two ways out.
- With windows and doors equipped with security bars, make sure that everyone knows, understands, and has practiced how to quickly remove the bars.
- Designate a meeting place outside away from the home (for example a front-yard tree or a sidewalk.) Take attendance and designate one person to phone the fire department by cell phone or a neighbor's phone.
- Make sure everyone knows when and how to call emergency telephone numbers.
- Remember to escape first, and then call the fire department. Do not try to save property; the most important thing is to GET OUT SAFELY!



Fire Extinguishers

When used properly, fire extinguishers can be life and property saving.

Use a fire extinguisher only if:

- You have alerted other occupants and someone has called the fire department.
- The fire is small and contained to a single object, such as a wastebasket.
- You are safe from the toxic smoke produced by the fire.
- You have a means of escape identified and the fire is not between you and the escape route.
- Your instincts tell you that it is safe to use an extinguisher.



PASS the test using your extinguisher:

Pull the pin at the top of the extinguisher that keeps the handle from being accidentally pressed.

Aim the nozzle toward the base of the fire, standing approximately 8-feet away.

Squeeze the handle to discharge the extinguisher. If you release the handle, the discharge will stop.

Sweep the nozzle back and forth at the base of the fire.

For more information on fire safety, visit the IDHS website: www.in.gov/dhs

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