



Tipp City Fire Department

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Fire Escape Plans

Once a fire occurs, it's too late to start developing an escape plan. In order to take full advantage of the short time you have to safely escape, you need to already have a plan of action in place, wherever you are.

Every household should practice the Home Fire Escape Drill. If a fire should occur, this drill can help you and your family escape. The Home Fire Escape Drill is designed to help families practice two escape routes out of the house if a fire should occur. Planning and practicing two escape routes - one normal route through the hallways and stairways; and alternate route through windows or onto the roof - will help save the lives of you and your family. The alternative escape route is vital because most home fires start in areas of the house that will likely block the usual hallway and stairway.

Most of us spend a majority of the day at work, school or home, but we're also frequently in public settings or locations that are less familiar to use, including restaurants, malls, theaters, hotels and motels. While escaping planning for the home can't directly be applied to these settings, there are several measures everyone can take to better protect themselves in case of fire. First and foremost, it's **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to get all the available fire escape information about the location you are in. Take note of the two exits nearest you, and make sure they are unobstructed and unlocked. If you are a guest at a friend's home, learn their escape plan, and make sure you know two escape routes from every room, especially the bedrooms if you are spending the night. Make sure there are working smoke detectors in the home. If you have children, remind them to ask about escape procedures when spending the night at a friend's house or if they are heading off to camp.

If you are Trapped

- Stay calm. There are many steps you can take to protect yourself.
- If possible, go to a room with an outside window or balcony and a telephone.
- Close all doors between you and the fire. Use tape or a wet towel to fill cracks around doors and cover vents to keep smoke out.
- If there's a phone in the room where you are trapped, call the fire department and tell them exactly where you are, even if you can see fire trucks on the street.
- If possible, open the window at the top and bottom and signal firefighters with a light cloth or flashlight. Do not break the window, and be ready to shut it quickly if smoke rushes in.

Fire Escape Tips

- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home and outside of each bedroom.
- Check to make sure all windows open easily.
- Yell or pound on walls to notify other family members of the fire.
- Never waste time getting dressed or gathering valuables.
- Always test doors for heat before opening.
- Crawl on the floor or stoop low to avoid smoke.
- Exit quickly and calmly.
- Go to the designated meeting place outside.
- Make sure everyone is out of the house.