The best way to survive is to have a plan!
In the event of a fire, earthquake, or other disaster, you and your family may need to leave your house in a hurry. By creating a family escape plan — and practicing it, you give your loved ones a better chance of surviving a disaster. To learn more about making your plan, here are some tips!

Making a plan and holding regular escape drills could help save your life or the life of a family member or pet. Practice during the day and at night!

DID YOU KNOW? Nearly one-third of home fire victims lost their lives due to smoking. If you have a family member that smokes, install a smoke alarm near where they’re most likely to fall asleep — and keep a heavy ashtray that won’t tip over near them.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: In the event of an earthquake, NEVER run. Drop, Cover, and Hold on until the shaking stops. Then, evacuate following your plan in an orderly manner. Stay calm and follow your drill. YOUR PLEDGE: We will practice our escape plan at least twice a year!

REMEMBER: Children don’t always wake up when a smoke alarm is triggered. Know what your child will do before a fire or earthquake occurs. If you have a person in your home who is deaf or hard of hearing, be certain to get an alarm designed for disabilities.

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FAMILY ESCAPE PLAN

Our Safe Meeting Place Is:

Everyone knows: NEVER GO BACK INTO THE HOUSE ONCE WE’VE LEFT!

Our local fire station is: #
Their Phone #

A Neighbor we can contact is:
Their Phone #

Making your plan - a quick how-to…

1. Draw a layout of each floor on the grid (other side) including windows, doors, and stairways. Do you know all of the possible exits?

2. Put a cool “S” where each smoke alarm should go. Where is that? Inside and outside of every sleeping area and one on every floor in the hallway. Do not put a smoke alarm in your kitchen.

REMEMBER: If your smoke alarms are more than ten years old. Replace them. If your smoke alarms have batteries, check them regularly.

3. Put one family member in charge of getting children and pets out of the house. If someone is missing, tell arriving firefighters and they’ll rescue them.

4. Pick a safe meeting place away from the house - down the street or at a neighbor’s house. Mark that spot on the plan (other side)

5. Pets are part of your family, too. Take them with you. But don’t search for them. If you can’t find them quickly, get out and tell firefighters. Just like people, they’ll rescue them.

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Use the grid below to draw your family escape plan, including two exits from your home or apartment.

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