

Smoke Alarms

In California, all residents are required to have at least one operating smoke alarm. The number of alarms you need and their location depends upon the layout of your home.

There should be one smoke alarm located near sleeping areas. It is also a good idea to have at least one alarm on each level of your home, including the basement.



EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME

(E.D.I.T.H.)



Exit Drills In The Home can help people prepare for an emergency. Most home fires occur at night, when people are the least prepared.

Home fires can become a disaster if you and your family are not familiar with how to escape during an emergency.



TIPS

- ✓ Prepare a fire escape plan.
- ✓ Install and maintain smoke alarms.
- ✓ Practice exit drills in the home regularly.
- ✓ Examine your home for fire hazards and take steps to prevent a fire before it occurs.

Advanced planning will ensure that you are ready for any fire emergency and can provide you and your loved ones peace of mind.

Learn more on fire safety education at: www.fire.ca.gov



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How to Design Your FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- 1** To design your own fire escape plan, sketch the floor plan of your home on a piece of paper.
- 2** Indicate on the plan all doors, windows and other areas from which you could escape from each room in your home.
- 3** Draw arrows to indicate the normal exits which would be your primary escape route.
- 4** With an alternate color, draw arrows to indicate a secondary exit from each room in the home.



Practice, Practice, Practice

Your fire escape plan may look great on paper, but does it really work? Regular exit drills in the home will allow you to test the plan and make adjustments as needed. When practicing your exit drills in the home, remember to use alternate escape routes as well. Children should be closely supervised during drills in the home and no one should take unnecessary chances.

