



LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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Escape Planning

Basic Fire Escape Planning

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. It is important for everyone in the household to make sure a safe meeting place is established a safe distance in front of the house where everyone can meet after they've escaped.

Clear Your Escape Routes

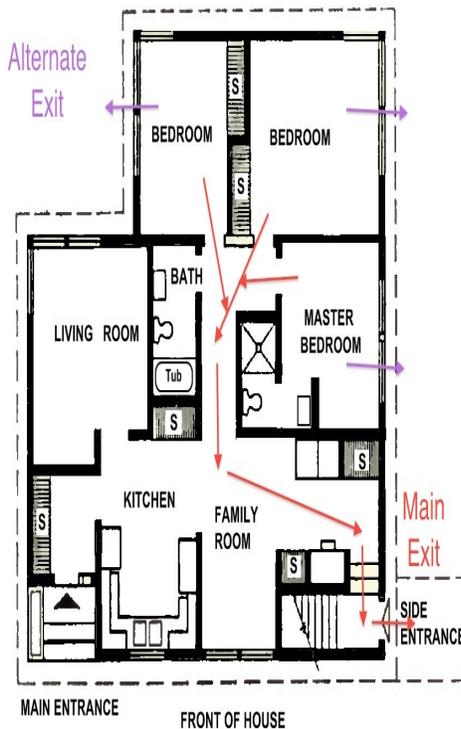
Items that block doors and windows in your home could keep you from escaping in the event of a home fire. Keep your family safe by identifying at least one escape route out of each room.

Security Bars

The fear of crime drives

many citizens to install security bars and other devices on their windows and doors to prevent intruders from entering their homes. However, the installation of security bars

should be considered a fire safety hazard. Many serious incidents have occurred where people were trapped and severely injured or died in fires as the result of security bars.



Sleepover Fire Safety for Kids

Think upset tummies and lack of sleep are the biggest risks when your child is spending the night at his or her friend's house? "Think again," says Judy Comoletti of NFPA's public education division. "Before you permit your child to sleep over with a friend, talk to the child's parents. Depending on what you learn, it can either uncover serious fire dangers or give you peace of mind during your child's sleepover."

National Fire Protection Association

www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/escape-planning

Fire Safety Word Search

SLGMLDQDCADIELNOTV
QVNPEZEFPCPRACTICEGR
YOURMDYTLLEMTWEHNZEQ
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Fire Safety Quiz

A How often should you practice your home fire escape plan?

- A— once a month
- B— twice a year
- C— weekly
- D— four times a year

Once you're out, Stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building.

- True
- False

Answers: 1 "B", 2 "True"

The Valdosta Fire Department is committed to keeping the business and residential communities safe.

Did you know that every time you have guests or visitors to your home you should tell them about your family's fire escape plan.

Did you know that closing doors on your way out slows

the spread of fire, giving you more time to safely escape.

If windows or doors have security bars, make sure that the bars have emergency release devices.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer? Please contact Sergeant Chris Staples at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email to valdostafire@valdostacity.org



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