

Child's Name: _____ School: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____



Kids Fire Safety Challenge



Are you up for the challenge?

In the event of a fire, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can turn into a major fire. Have an escape plan to get out of your home quickly. Have a meeting place where everyone can meet so you can tell the fire department if everyone is outside safely. Practice E.D.I.T.H - Exit Drills in the Home - with your family.

(USE THIS DRAWING AS AN EXAMPLE)

How to Make a Home Fire Escape Plan:

1. Draw a map of your home.
2. Visit each room and label it.
3. Find two ways to get outside from each room.
4. Draw all doors and windows.

(All windows should be easily opened if needed, and you should be able to use them to get outside. If you have two or more floors, you should consider purchasing an escape ladder. If you live in an apartment, become aware with their escape plan and always use the stairs, never the elevator during a fire!)

5. Pick an Outside Meeting Place.

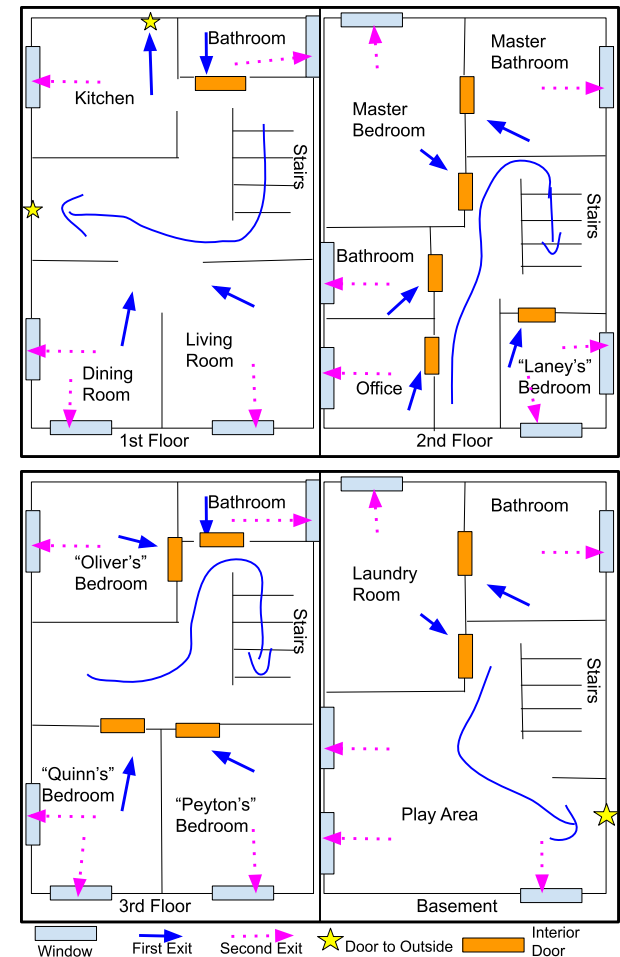
(Everyone needs to know where to meet. It needs to be in front of your home, far enough away so it's safe, and it needs to stay in one place. Good examples include, a neighbor's house, light pole, mailbox, fire hydrant, big tree, etc.)

6. Draw your Outside Family Meeting Place.

7. Practice your Home Fire Drill.

(Everyone in the household needs to practice your family fire escape plan at least twice a year. Set up obstacles and use different escape routes to practice techniques in case of a fire. You never know when a fire may happen in your home. Be prepared!)

Meet Here:



My Family's Home Fire Escape Plan (Draw each floor of your home: Use the back of this paper or attach more paper if needed!)

(Use the drawing on the first page as an example to help you draw your home! Ask a grown-up for help!)

Symbols:

Outside Meeting Place - My Family Meets Here!

Window

1st Escape Path

2nd Escape Path

Door to Outside

Interior Doors -Not closet doors





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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ewing Township Fire Department - Station 30, visited your child's school today and educated them on fire safety. Today, they were educated on the following topics based on this year's fire prevention theme "Learn the sounds of Fire Safety":

1. Have Working Smoke Alarms in your home
2. Every Room Needs Two Ways Out - Doors, Windows, and Exit signs
3. Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan by doing a fire drill at home
4. If You Hear a Smoke Alarm, Get outside and Stay outside until a grown up tells you it's safe to go back in!
5. Get low and go - Crawl low under smoke!
6. Use the back of your hand to check a closed door before opening it
7. Have an Outdoor Family Meeting Place
8. Hot things are not for play, stay away! Tell an adult if you see matches or lighters

Please follow up with your child about the importance of all topics in case of an emergency and assist them in completing this fire safety challenge! When children complete this challenge, please take pictures of it or scan them into a PDF and email it to ewingfire@ewingnj.org by: _____ so they can receive a special treat! Together we can keep your family safe from fire! Thank you in advance for your help and understanding the importance of fire safety education!

Parent/Guardian - WORKING ALARMS SAVE LIVES! Use this as a checklist to test, install, and maintain your current smoke & CO alarms with your child. Please check off/fill in the information that applies in your home:

My family currently lives in a:

- ☐ House ☐ Apartment ☐ Condo ☐ Townhouse ☐ Other _____
- ☐ I currently don't have any smoke alarms in my home.
- ☐ I currently have (how many?) _____ smoke alarms in my home.
- ☐ My home has battery-operated smoke alarms.
- ☐ My home has interconnected smoke alarms.
- ☐ I tested all smoke alarms in my home.
- ☐ All smoke alarms are working properly.
- ☐ I replaced (how many?) _____ smoke alarm batteries.
- ☐ I bought (how many?) _____ new smoke alarms because they were older than 10 y/o.
- ☐ I have a smoke alarm on every level of my home, including the basement if present.
- ☐ I have a smoke alarm either inside all sleeping areas OR directly outside each sleeping area.
- ☐ All smoke alarms are on the ceiling or high on a wall.
- ☐ I have a smoke alarm at least ten feet away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms.
- ☐ I use the hush button or fan away the smoke instead of disconnecting the smoke alarm in false alarm incidents.
- ☐ I have a working carbon monoxide alarm on every floor of my home.
- ☐ My carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 y/o.
- ☐ Each person in my household sleeps with their door closed in case there is a fire during the night.

If you have any questions or concerns about testing, installing, or maintaining smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms please feel free to contact us.

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Adult's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____