

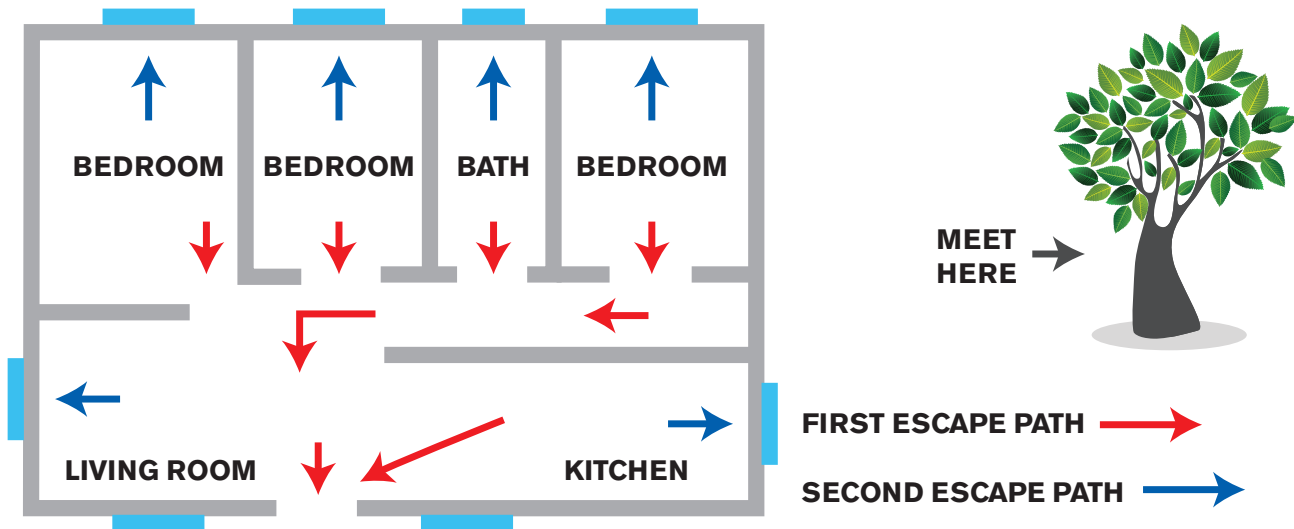
Our Home Fire Escape Map

Learn by using this example to make a fire escape map for your home. Draw your map in the box on the next page, or use a separate piece of paper.

1. Draw all the rooms in your home (use the example to help you).
2. Use a red pen to show the quickest path to get outside from each room.
3. Use a blue pen to show a second path to get outside from each room.
4. Draw a Meeting Spot outside your home where everyone will go as soon as they get out. Label it MEET HERE.

Things to remember:

- You need a Meeting Spot so you know that everyone in your home is out.
 - Once you get to your Meeting Spot, call 9-1-1.
 - **No one should go back inside** – firefighters will arrive shortly and rescue anyone who needs help, even your pets.
5. When you are all done, hang your map where everyone can see it!



Practice your escape plan with a Home Fire Drill at least twice a year. Have a grownup press the “test” button on a smoke alarm in your home and have everyone go to your meeting place. Time your Home Fire Drill to find out how long it takes for everyone to get to your meeting place. Keep practicing until everyone can get out in less than 2 minutes!

Share these preparedness skills with everyone in your home:

- Get Out, Stay Out, Call 9-1-1 – If you hear a smoke alarm or see smoke, follow your escape plan and get out immediately. Don't stop to grab anything, and don't go back for anything. Stay outside at your meeting place and call 9-1-1.
- Get Low and Go – In a fire, smoke is often more dangerous than flames. Crouch low or crawl on your hands and knees to avoid breathing in smoke. Smoke rises, so the air near the floor is cleaner. This is really important if you don't have two ways out of your room.

Be Prepared! Have a smoke alarm on every level of your home and inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Remind the grownups in your home to test smoke alarms every month to make sure they all work. If a smoke alarm doesn't work, replace the batteries or the smoke alarm. Have a plan to wake everyone up if the smoke alarm goes off while you're sleeping. In a fire, if you see smoke on your way out, turn around and go the other way. Be sure to always stay away from dangerous smoke!

To Learn More about fire safety, visit [redcross.org/homefires](https://www.redcross.org/homefires).

