The Great Escape

My Family’s Escape Plan:

Place this plan in a spot where the whole family can see it!
YOUR MISSION:

Get your family together and create a map of your house!

Find two exits for every room.

Ask your family to test your smoke alarm. Listen for that beep!

Pick out a meeting place. Remember it should be outside, out front where your firefighter friends can find you.

Do you know the emergency phone number? Check that your family does, too!

Now you’re ready. IT’S TIME TO PRACTICE YOUR PLAN!!!!

Information for your parent/guardian:

- Be sure that everyone in your home can unlock and open windows if they are a part of your plan.
- Include alternate arrangements for any family member needing extra assistance.
- If your windows have security bars, are they equipped with inside quick-release devices?
- If you have an escape ladder, make sure it is installed properly and that everyone knows how to use it.
- Be certain that children can reach and open all door and window locks that are included in their part of the plan.
- When practicing your fire escape plan, explain that the firefighter’s job is to rescue anyone trapped inside, so don’t hide! Stand by window!
  - Visit a fire and rescue station with your children to meet the firefighters and learn about their job.
  - Emphasize that firefighters and rescue personnel are your friends and helpers.
  - Give your child an opportunity to see a firefighter in uniform and the protective clothing they wear known as turn-out gear.
  - Remind children that it is important that they not run or hide during an emergency.
General Fire Safety Survey:

1. The house address is clearly posted in large numbers that are easy to read from the street. ______ Yes/No
2. There is a working smoke alarm near the sleeping areas. ______ Yes/No
3. There is a working smoke alarm on every level of the house. ______ Yes/No
4. The smoke alarm is cleaned regularly and tested once a month. ______ Yes/No
5. You know the emergency telephone number for fire and rescue. (9-1-1 in Fairfax County.) ______ Yes/No
6. This number is posted on all telephones for immediate reference. ______ Yes/No
7. You have portable fire extinguishers suitable for use in your home and family members know how to use them properly. (Multi-purpose extinguishers are recommended.) ______ Yes/No
8. You have a family escape plan and practice it regularly. ______ Yes/No

If any of the answers above are “No,” sit down as a family and discuss the problem and how it can be corrected. Take this opportunity to consider fire safety awareness with your family, and at the same time, make your home a safer place to life.

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