

# Get Out, Stay Out!

What's the most important thing to know about fire? How to escape from one safely.

**Make a plan.** Make sure you have a fire escape plan that you practice at least twice a year. Can you identify two ways out of each room (hint: one way can be a window) and your outside meeting place?

**Sound the alarm.** Make sure you have smoke alarms on every floor of your home and in or near sleeping areas—even the basement. Have a grown-up test them once a month and change the batteries at least once a year.



## HEY WAIT - I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT!

You still need an escape plan. It's just a little different. Make sure you know two ways to get out of your building—like two different flights of stairs. And never use the elevator. Everything else—checking the door, closing it behind you, crawling low, and going to your family's outside meeting place—is the same.

# Remember!

**Feel the door.** If you have to escape from a room, make sure you feel the door before you open it. If the door is hot, there's probably smoke and fire out there. Use your second way out.

**Crawl low.** If you have to escape through smoke, get on your hands and knees and crawl with your head about knee high where the air is cooler and cleaner.

**Close that door.** Close the door behind you to keep the fire from spreading.

**All together now.** Once you've made it outside safely, go immediately to your family's meeting place. You'll know where to go because it's in your escape plan.

**Call for help.** Once everyone has checked in at the meeting place, call the fire department. Make sure everyone in your family knows the number by heart.

**Stay out.** Most important of all: Never, ever go back in to a house or building that's on fire. After the fire, always wait for the fire department to say it's okay to go back in.

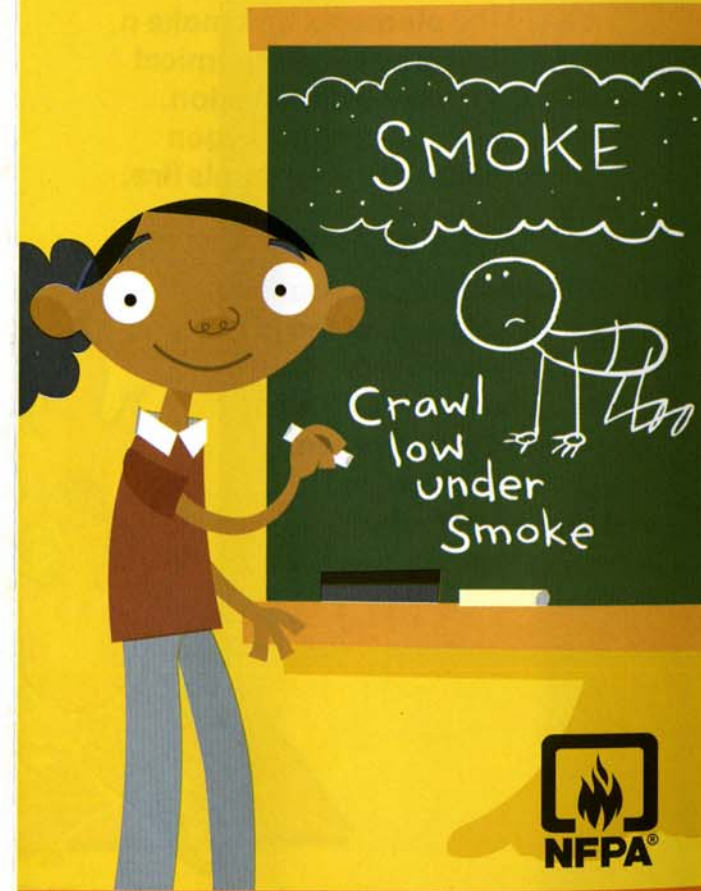


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