

School \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Return the Plan to Class and You May Win a Party!



Your firefighters know that working smoke alarms and practiced escape plans are the most important elements in home fire survival, so they are sponsoring this contest in hopes of encouraging families to prepare for a safe escape. Because this activity involves planning for a life-or-death situation, **it is recommended that adults work closely with children to complete the assignment** to ensure that the plan is legible and complete. Follow the directions outlined on the attached sheet and return the plan to your child's teacher. At each school, one classroom -- the one with the highest percentage of complete fire escape plans -- will win an ice cream party served by your firefighters!



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# Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



**Fire Prevention Week**  
**Oct. 9-15, 2016**

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.  
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

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| <b>1</b><br>Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.                       |  |  | <b>2</b><br>Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.                 |
| <b>3</b><br>Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture. |  |  | <b>4</b><br>Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old. |



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) and [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

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# Plan & Practice Your Escape!

## Escape Planning

- Start by walking through your home and identifying two ways out of every room (one way might be the door and the other might be the window).
- Draw out your escape plan so you can post it where everyone in the family can see it. Use the planning grid included here. Don't forget to show the two exits from each room.
- Make sure that all exits are clear of toys, furniture and other clutter.
- Does someone in your house need help getting around (like a grandparent or an infant)? Make sure they have someone to assist them in case of a fire.
- Pick **one** outside meeting place where everyone can gather after they've escaped safely. Make sure you mark the spot you've picked on your escape plan.
- Make sure everyone knows to get out of the house first and then call 9-1-1 from outside or from a neighbor's house.



breathing bad air (and possibly, knocking yourself out), crawl low under the smoke on your hands and knees.

- Practice closing the door behind you to slow the spread of fire and smoke.



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## Smoke Alarms

- Your home should have smoke alarms on every level (even the basement). It's especially important to have them inside or near every sleeping area.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Know your home's smoke alarms. When you hear the alarms "chirp," it may mean that the batteries are failing. It could mean that the alarms have become dusty. Vacuuming the face of the units may solve the problem. Some are outfitted with long-life batteries. When long-life batteries fail, replace the entire smoke alarm. Others are equipped with standard 9V batteries. These should be changed every year.
- All smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. If no one can remember how old it is, then it's probably time to replace it.



- Never paint or decorate a smoke alarm (even with stickers!) because this could keep it from working.
- Make sure that everyone in your home knows the sound of the smoke alarm, and what to do if it sounds. Set-off the alarm at night to make sure that everyone wakes up. If they don't, make sure to factor that into the escape plan.
- When the alarm sounds, get out immediately! Always assume that the alarm means a real fire, and follow your escape plan.

For more information about escape planning and smoke alarms, see the National Fire Protection Association's web sites at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org).



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