



Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department
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Fire-escape Planning

A home fire-escape plan may save your family's life.

Developing a fire-escape plan

1. Install smoke alarms on each floor of your home. Test them regularly. Remember when the time changes, you should also replace your batteries in your smoke alarms.
2. Draw a floor plan of your home showing all possible escape routes from each room. Plan a main escape routes and an alternate escape routes from each room.
3. Ensure that everyone understands that if they hear the smoke alarm or hear someone shout "fire," they should evacuate immediately, closing the door behind them if possible.
4. Decide on a meeting place and designate someone to phone the Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department (709)786-6666.
5. Meet the firefighters when they arrive, so they know that you and your family are safe.
6. Make certain that everyone in your home knows not to re-enter a burning building. Firefighters are properly equipped and trained to perform rescue operations-you are not.

Practice your escape plan

Regular practice is the best way to help prevent panic when an actual emergency occurs. Be sure that every member of the family knows what to do.



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Home Fire Escape Plan

1. Plan your escape today - your life may depend on it tomorrow.
2. Draw a map of your house, showing all the doors and windows.
3. Show two ways out of every room if possible - if one way is blocked by smoke or fire, you can take the second way out.
4. Have a safe meeting place outside your home that everyone in your family goes to.
5. Have a list of designated individuals, who are assigned different duties.



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Additional information:

- A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm usually provides enough warning to enable you to leave your home safely.
- Before opening any door, feel it. Do not open a hot door. Use an alternate exit instead. If you can't climb out of a window, shout from it.
- Smoke and heat rises; breathable cool air stays low, close to the floor. Practice your escape plan by crawling on your hands and knees.
- If you live in an apartment building, your escape plan should take the building-management procedures into account.
- If there is anyone in your home who needs help to evacuate, assign someone to assist.
- Make sure your relatives, guest, friends, or babysitters who visit your home understands your fire-escape plan. Make a family fire-escape plan and keep your escape routes free of obstructions. Practice this plan often, and keep these pointers in mind;
 - Stay calm.
 - Sound a warning.
 - If you awaken to a smoke-filled room, crawl below the smoke to safety.
 - Check the doors to see if they are warm. A warm door may mean that there is a fire on the other side. Use an alternate escape routes, if possible.
 - Get everyone out; wrap children in blankets if necessary-don't take time to get dressed.
 - Close the doors behind you as you evacuate. This will slow down the fire.



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In Case of Fire in Your Home

- If it is safe to do so, turn off all appliances as you leave.
- If your hair or clothing should catch on fire, smother the flames with a towel, blanket or other thick material, or stop, drop and roll out the flames. Get medical attention as soon as possible.
- Call Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department (709) 786-6666 from a safe location. Do not delay.

Home-Safety Tips

- Check your smoke alarm regularly and replace the battery as necessary.
- Buy and place whistles next to windows, especially in child(ren) rooms
- Avoid careless smoking. Use ashtrays and never smoke in bed
- Avoid unsafe cooking practices. Use caution when frying and keep a lid close by to cover a pot of hot grease in case it catches fire.
- Avoid storing unnecessary flammable liquids in your home or attached garage.
- Do not use unsafe electrical appliances. Discard frayed extension cords and do not use them as permanent wiring. Do not overload circuits.
- Twice a year, tighten fuses in the panel or check circuit breakers for free operation.
- Ensure that your wood-stoves and chimneys are safely installed and maintained.
- Clean-up your basement, garage, yard and other storage areas twice a year.

If you cannot extinguish a small fire with your portable fire extinguisher or if the smoke is hazardous, leave the area at once. **Never place yourself or others in jeopardy by attempting to extinguish a fire.** Close the door to confine the fire. Alert the other occupants and call Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department (709) 786-6666 from a safe place. Finally, wait outside for firefighters to arrive.