

CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT

10 STEPS TO FIRE SAFETY



1. SMOKE ALARMS

- are LAW
- check batteries monthly
- change batteries when you change your clocks
- place one on every floor, near stairwells, near bedrooms



Make sure to check batteries monthly.

2. ESCAPE PLAN

- make sure there are two exits out of every major room in the house
- designate a meeting place to go to in case of emergency or fire

3. CLOSE BEDROOM DOORS

- a closed bedroom door will keep out smoke and fire for up to 20 minutes

4. ROLL OUT OF BED

- when you hear or see the smoke alarm, roll out of bed, crawl under smoke
- crawl outside to your meeting place

5. NEVER

- Never Hide
- Never Waste Time Grabbing Valuables
- Never Try To Save Any Pets
- Never Use Elevators



ADULT FIRE SAFETY

Always call 9-1-1 first in case of any emergency or fire.



6. KNOW TWO WAYS OUT

- exit a door first
- if door is **HOT**, do not open; find another exit, like another door or window
- if using window as 2nd exit, climb out only if on first floor
- if on 2nd floor or higher; blow a whistle, scream anything or any sound; and wave a pillow case or shirt for attention

7. FEEL THE DOOR

- feel the door first with back of your hand
- if **HOT**, do not open; find another way out
- if not hot, open door slowly and peek
- if path is clear of fire and smoke, exit out

8. DO NOT GO BACK IN; GO TO YOUR MEETING PLACE

- never go back in; go to your meeting place
- tell a fireman if someone is still in the building

9. CALL 911

- from your meeting place, determine if everyone is out of the building, then call 911

10. PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE PLAN

- run through your escape plan once a month;
- then when you are comfortable with the plan; run through it once every 6 months