

# *Escape Planning*



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Shenandoah County Department of Fire and Rescue is dedicated to making sure every citizen in or passing through our county stays as safe as possible. SCFR have gathered the most important information about escaping fires in the home. We hope you read and talk about the topic covered in this booklet with your family. If you have questions feel free to contact our office and we will help you any way we can.

Sincerely,

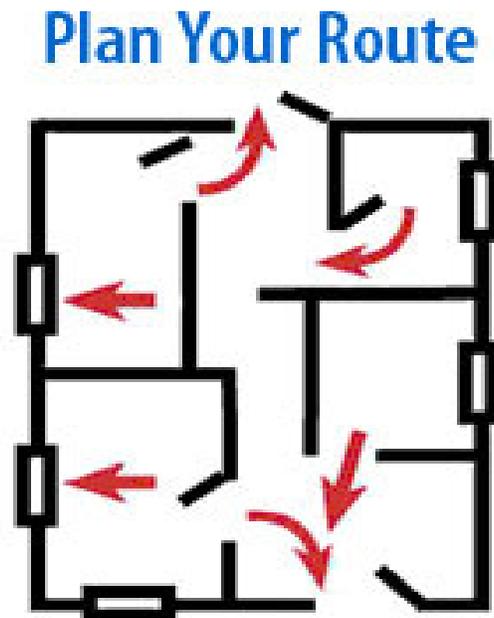
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# ESCAPE PLANNING

You and your family need to know what to do in the event a fire starts in your home. Once a fire starts, it can spread very quickly. The usual way you leave your home may be blocked by smoke or fire. It's up to you and your family to know what to do.

## TWO EXITS

Each room in your home should have two ways out. Be sure your family knows both exits.



If your home were ever to be filled with smoke, it would become every difficult to see well and you can easily become lost in your home.

## PLAN AHEAD

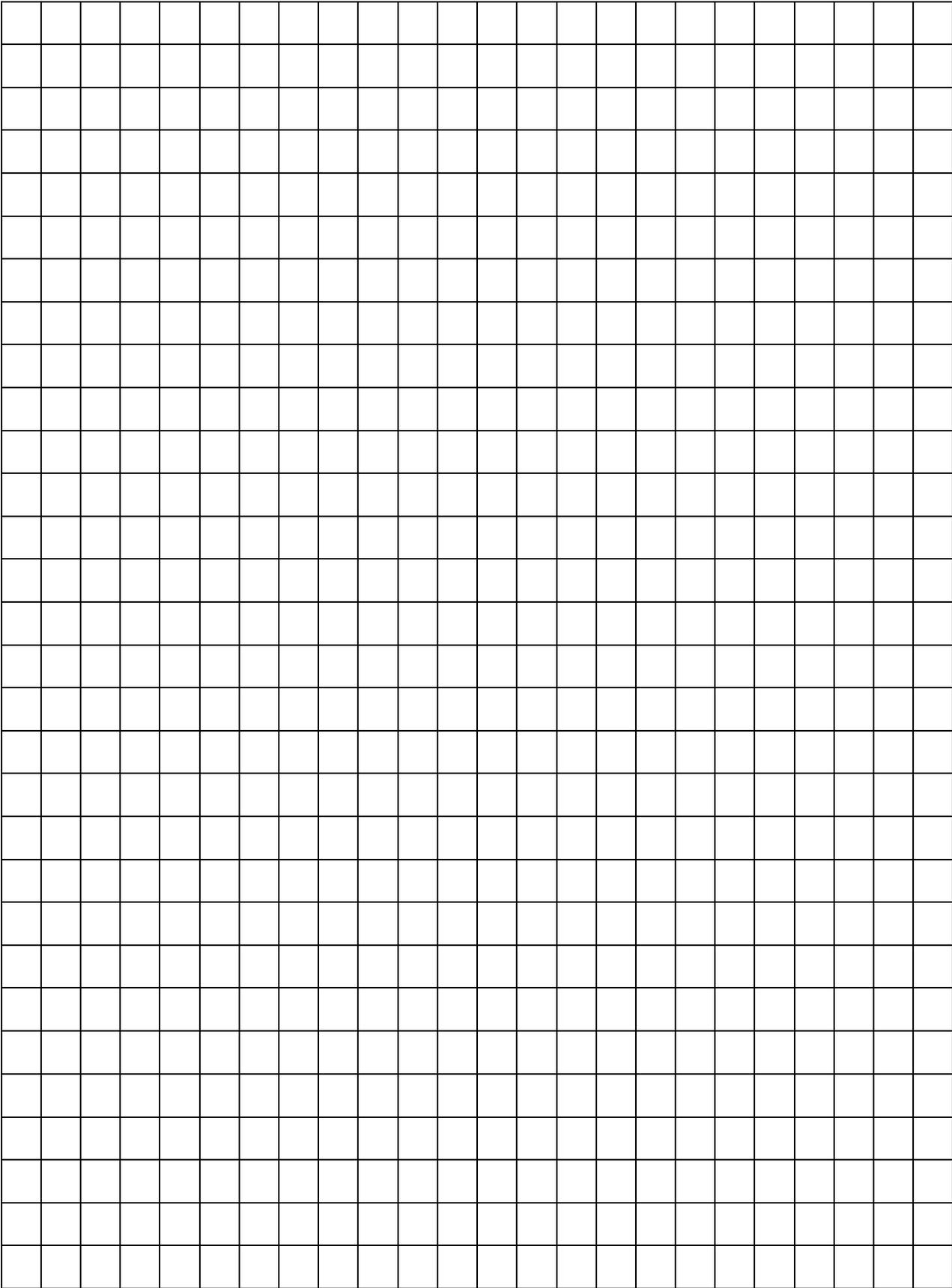
Everyone in your family should know two ways out. Check your windows; make sure they open easily and if they do not have them repaired. Each family member should practice opening the windows and doors so they become familiar with the operation.



Talk with your family about the importance of staying low and crawling under smoke and testing doors with the back of your hand to feel for heat.

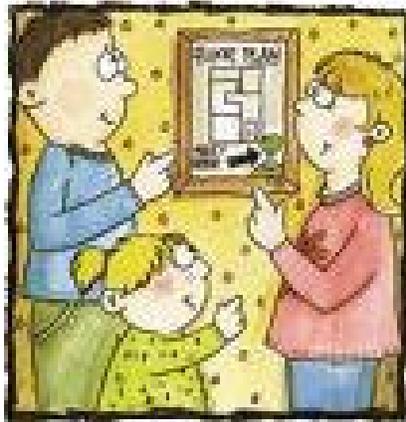


Make a floor plan on the paper provided below. Outline your entire home and add bedrooms, windows, and doors. Draw your two ways out of each room on the plan.



## **PRACTICE**

Having an escape plan is great but your family needs to practice it as well. Turn off all the lights; have everyone go to their bedrooms with the doors closed and push the test button on the smoke detectors. Let everyone practice their two ways out. Remember: practice your escape plan before a real emergency happens.



## **SAFE MEETING PLACE**

Once you have your plan in place, talk about a safe meeting place. If you were to have a fire in your home, where would you go to meet the rest of your family? It could be as easy as your mailbox, the end of the driveway, or a large tree in the yard. Wherever your family decides to meet be sure that it is a place that will always be there. Don't pick something like a car that can be moved.

