



Home Fire Escape Planning

Every family, no matter how big or how small, should have in place a plan to escape their place of residence in case a fire should occur. Houses, apartments, duplexes, motorhomes, houseboats or anything else people call home, should have a prepared escape plan. Here are some tips to help you develop a plan in your own home and advice to help you get out safely:

- 1. Identify those members of your family with special needs, or those too young to get out on their own. If someone needs assistance, make that assistance part of your escape plan.**
- 2. Identify two ways out of each room in your home wherever possible.**
- 3. Ensure that everyone in the home knows how to operate all door locks, window latches or anything else needed to open windows and doors. An emergency is not the time to learn this information!**
- 4. Choose a meeting place outside the home. Select a spot well known to all and one that is well away from the home.**
- 5. Practice, practice, practice!! Go over the plan, work out the kinks and make sure everyone knows their roles and responsibilities.**
- 6. Get low and stay low as you make your way out of the home, smoke and heat go up, so stay as low as you can.**
- 7. Get out and stay out! Never return to the home for anything once you have made your escape.**
- 8. Call 911 from a neighbour's home or other safe spot.**
- 9. Be ready to assist firefighters with any information that could help them. Follow their instructions.**

If you have any questions or require more information, do not hesitate to contact me at the Morris-Turnberry Municipal offices.