



FIRE, BURN AND SCALD PREVENTION



**TARGET
AUDIENCE:**
Children in
Grades K-5 and
their families.

FIRE ESCAPE MAP



This activity walks children and their families through the process of creating a fire escape map of their home. Planning and regularly practicing escape routes and meeting places helps families escape more quickly and safely in the event of a fire.

LOCATION:

Indoors or outdoors. This activity can be conducted on its own in a smaller space (such as a classroom) or as one station of a larger safety fair.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Safe Kids coalitions have experience conducting fire, burn and scald prevention activities in a variety of settings. Partnering with a local coalition is the easiest way to ensure you have access to the expertise, equipment and resources needed to host a successful event.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Safe Kids Worldwide Fire Escape Plan: www.safekids.org
- Pencils or markers.

PREPARATION:

- Make copies of the Fire Escape Plan.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTION

- Explain to children and their families:
 - To be safe in the event of a fire, it is important to plan and practice two escape routes out of each room in the house.
 - Smoke can be extremely dangerous. You may have less than three minutes to escape your home.
- Hand out a blank fire escape map to each child and family member.
- Use the example map to show families what their finished maps will look like.
- Walk children and their families through the process of creating their own fire escape map, as follows:
 - Draw the rooms of your house.
 - Draw where smoke alarms should be. Draw one in the living area, one outside of the bedroom doors and one in each bedroom.
 - Draw arrows showing two ways out of each room through either a door or window.
 - Circle two exits from the home (e.g., through the door in the kitchen and through the front door).
 - Draw an X for a safe meeting place outside.





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KEY MESSAGES

When you conduct any activity focused on fire, burn and scald prevention, share the following key messages with parents (either during the activity, or as a take-home):

1. Stay in the kitchen when you cook. Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and fire-related injuries in homes.
2. Have working smoke alarms in your home. Make sure you test alarms often to ensure the batteries are working. Change the batteries every time you change your clocks for daylight savings.
3. Create a 'kid free zone' and keep children at least three feet away from the stove. Cook on the back burners with pot handles turned back so children cannot pull down hot things from the stove.
4. Plan and practice two escape routes out of each room in the house. It is important to have an alternative escape route in case one is blocked by fire.
5. Choose a safe meeting spot outside, away from your home, where the family will go in case of an emergency.
6. Set your water heater to 120 degrees F to prevent scald burns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

More information about planning and practicing escaping from a home fire can be found on the Safe Kids Worldwide website: www.safekids.org