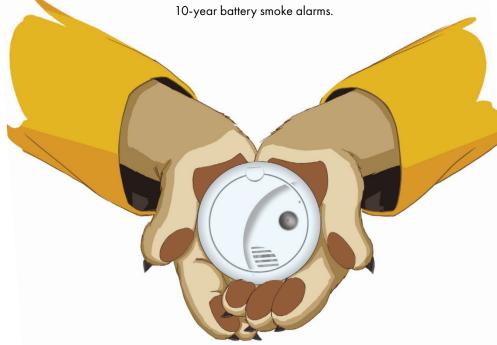
#### **Smoke Alarms**

In California, smoke alarms are required in all homes. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. This includes basements and habitable attics.

Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms to provide a minimum level of protection. Consider replacing older smoke alarms with new



Prepare a home escape plan.



Install and maintain smoke alarms.



Practice home escape plans regularly.



Examine your home for fire hazards and take steps to prevent a fire before it occurs.

Advanced planning will ensure that you are ready for any fire emergency and can provide you and your loved ones peace of mind.

Learn more on fire safety education at: www.fire.ca.gov

# HOME **ESCAPE PLANS**



Home Escape Plans can help people prepare for an emergency. Most home fires occur at night, when people are the least prepared.

Your ability to get out of your home during an emergency depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds.



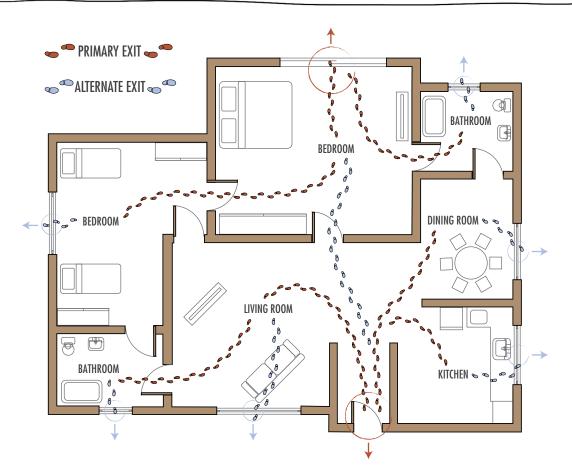
# How to Design Your HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- To design your own home escape plan, sketch the floor plan of your home on a piece of paper.
- Indicate on the plan all doors, windows and other areas from which you could escape from each room in your home.
- Draw arrows to indicate the normal exits which would be your primary escape route.
- With an alternate color, draw arrows to indicate a secondary exit from each room in the home.



#### Practice, Practice, Practice

Your home escape plan may look great on paper, but does it really work? Practicing your home escape plan regularly will allow you to test the plan and make adjustments as needed. When practicing your home escape plan, remember to use alternate escape routes as well. Children should be closely supervised during drills in the home and no one should take unnecessary chances.



## **Special Needs**

People with physical or mental handicaps face greater risks during a fire emergency. People with special needs should sleep in a bedroom near someone who can help in the event of an emergency. A physically handicapped person may require a sleeping area on the ground floor. Design a special escape plan based on the abilities of the person.



### **Meeting Place**

Choose a location outside the home where family members should meet once they have safely escaped. A neighbor's front yard or sidewalk may be an ideal meeting place.

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Everyone should know the location of telephones in the home. It is very important that children also know the "911" phone number in order to report a fire or other emergencies to authorities.