Tasmania Fire Service

Home Fire Safety

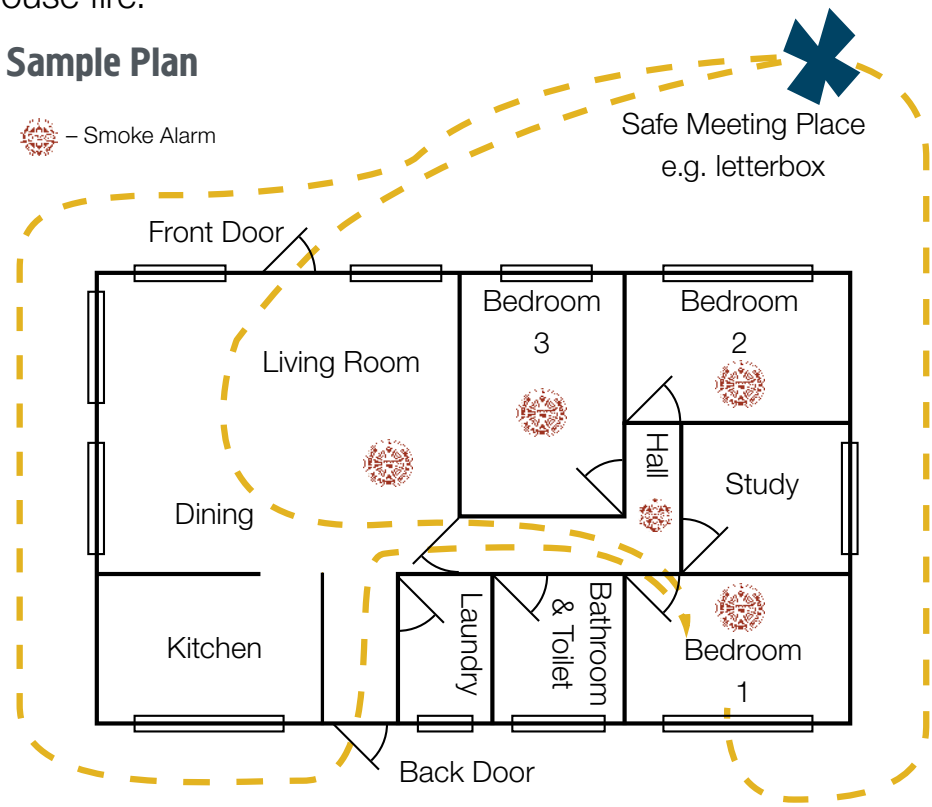
FACT SHEET Home fire escape plan

Possibly the most important plan you'll ever make.

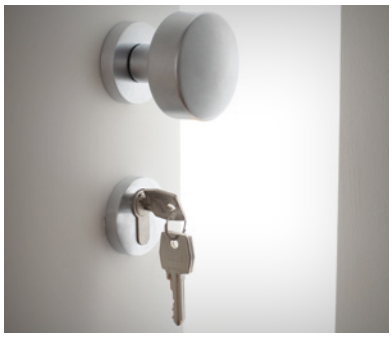
Design your home fire escape plan to suit your home and talk about it with everybody in the house. If a child has been involved in planning and practising an escape plan they are more likely to get out alive in a house fire.

- Make a **home fire escape plan** and **practice** at least twice a year.
- **Crawl low** if caught in smoke.
- **Use windows** as an alternative means of escape if safe to do so.
- **Cover** broken glass with a blanket or doona.
- **Once out, stay out** at a safe meeting place outside your home (e.g. next to your letterbox).

Sample Plan



The best fire escape plan is worthless if your escape route is blocked. While deadlocks and security grilles may deter intruders, they can be deadly in a fire. When you are in the house:



- **Leave keys** in any deadlock, or on a hook (preferably attached to a chain) close to the door or window, and out of reach of intruders.
- **Make sure** that window security grilles and screens open **readily** from the inside.
- **Make sure** that all windows and doors **open easily** for all members of your family.
- If you have **visitors** staying over for the first time, show them your esape plan so they **know what to do** in a fire emergency. Make sure they know where your Safe Meeting Place is located.

Plan your exit from your home. Draw a plan using the grid below and mark in the exits you could use in a fire emergency. Remember to include **two safe ways** out of any sleeping areas to your **Safe Meeting Place**.

Keep your plan and place on your fridge

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