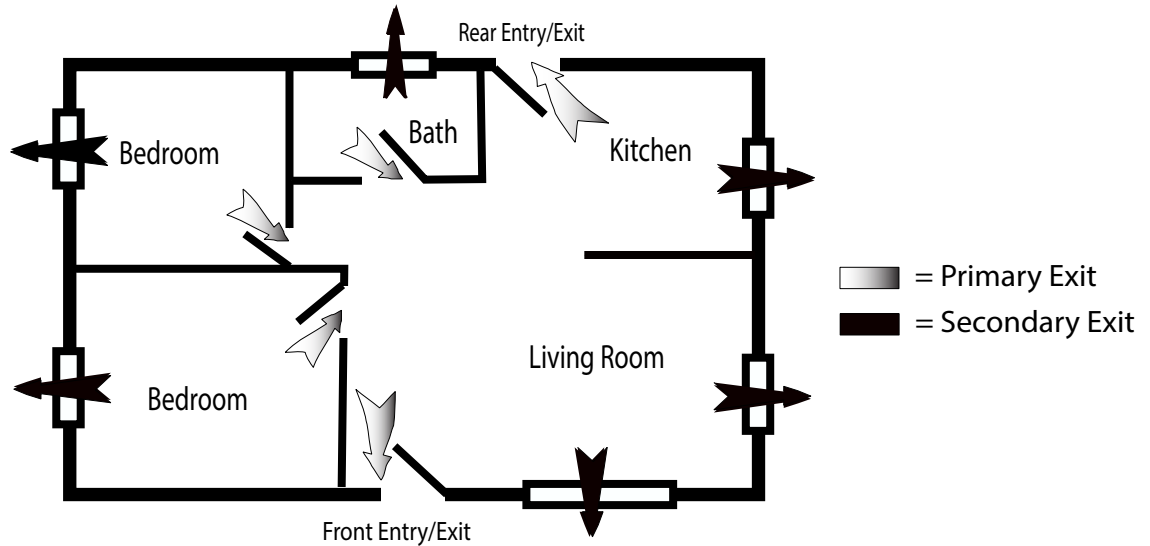




# FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING



## PLAN

### 1. Test Your Smoke Alarm Monthly!

Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, in bedrooms, and outside any other sleeping areas. Test your alarms as a family so every family member is familiar with the sound.

### 2. Plan Two Ways Out of Every Room

Can you open windows easily? Can you reach the ground or do you need an escape ladder?

### 3. Smoke Kills, So Crawl Low & Go!

Deadly smoke rises, so good air is usually 12 to 24 inches from the floor, therefore, it's important to stay low as you crawl out of the house.

### 4. Plan to Call 9-1-1 from a Neighbor's House!

Plan to call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's house. Make sure your children know the neighbor and feel comfortable going to them in the case of an emergency.

### 5. Identify an Outside Meeting Place

Identify a fixed object outside your home (mailbox, tree, neighbor's driveway, etc.) as a meeting place where all family members agree to wait once they have escaped.

## PRACTICE

### 1. Push the Test Button & Begin the Drill!

Place family members in rooms with doors closed, turn on the radio or TV to simulate real living conditions. Consider testing your alarm after children have been asleep for a few hours to see if they wake up!

### 2. Use Both Ways Out of Every Room!

Practice both exit plans - primary and secondary. If a ladder is needed for escaping second floors, now is the time to practice using it - not during a real emergency!

### 3. Get on your Knees and Start Crawling!

In a real fire, you may not be able to see well, so turn off the lights to really test your crawl low and go exiting skills! Did family members crawl low and find their way out?

### 4. Simulate Calling 9-1-1 from the Neighbor's!

Did someone remember to go to the neighbor's house to simulate calling 9-1-1? Did they report back that they placed the call?

### 5. Meet at the Meeting Place

Did everyone meet at the designated meeting place? If so, celebrate with a special family treat! If not, discuss what went wrong and how you can improve.

**And Finally...**  
**ONCE OUT - STAY OUT!**  
Do not go back into the house for anything or anyone!

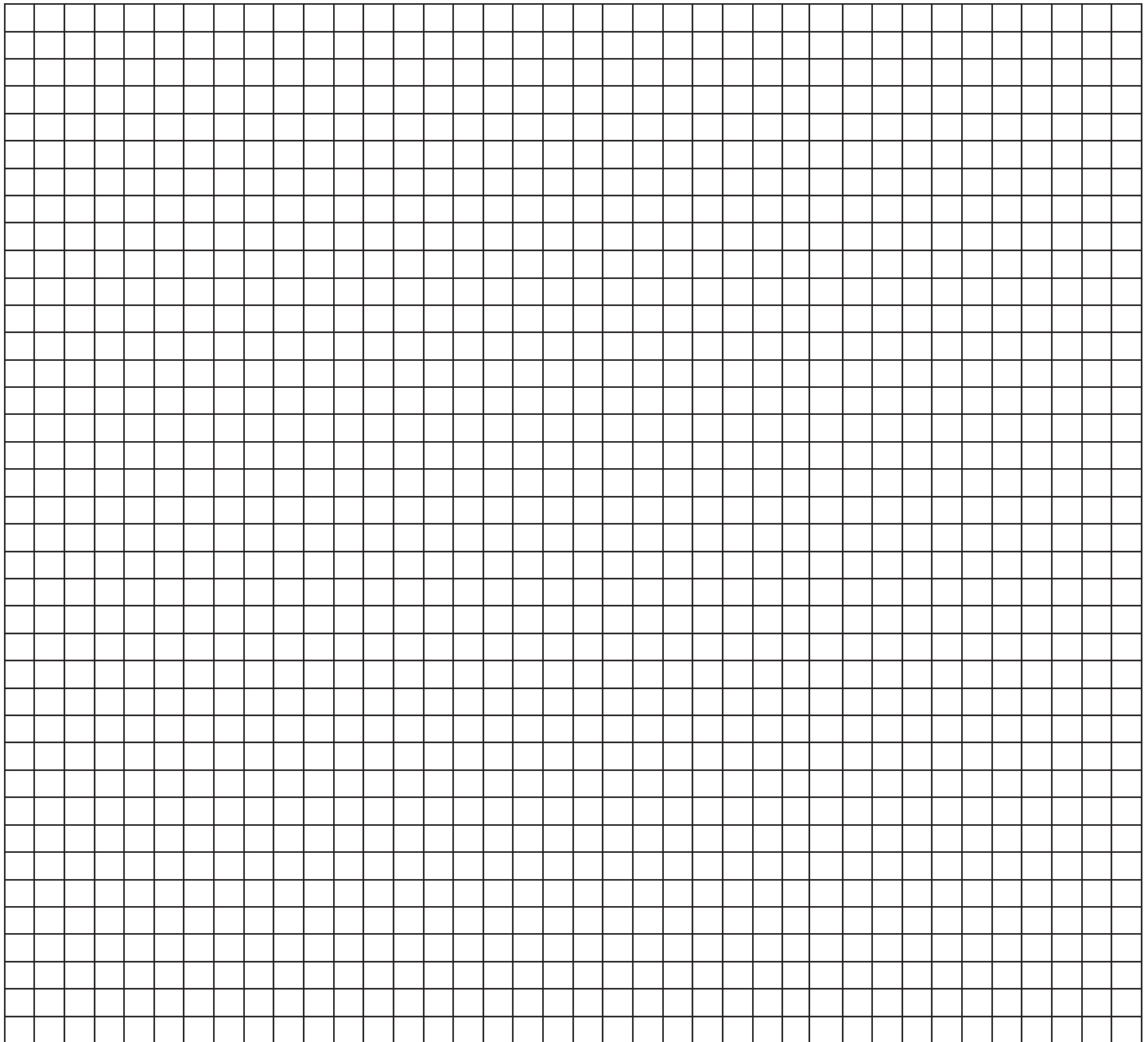
Use the grid below to sketch the floor plan of your home

## When developing your home fire escape plan

### REMEMBER to...

- ✓ Draw two ways out of every room
- ✓ Designate an outside meeting place

Our designated outside meeting place is: \_\_\_\_\_



***Correct behavior is learned so...PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!***

### Smoke Alarm Testing Schedule

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