

Be PREPARED for a FIRE

Home fires are the most common type of emergency. Learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property.



Did you know...

In just **30 seconds** a small flame can turn into a major blaze.*



Our homes are filled with materials that burn quickly and produce thick, **black smoke and toxic gases that kill more people than flames do**. Smoke can completely darken a room making it difficult to see. Carbon monoxide, the most common poison in smoke, can make you feel drowsy, making it difficult to wake up and get out of your home.

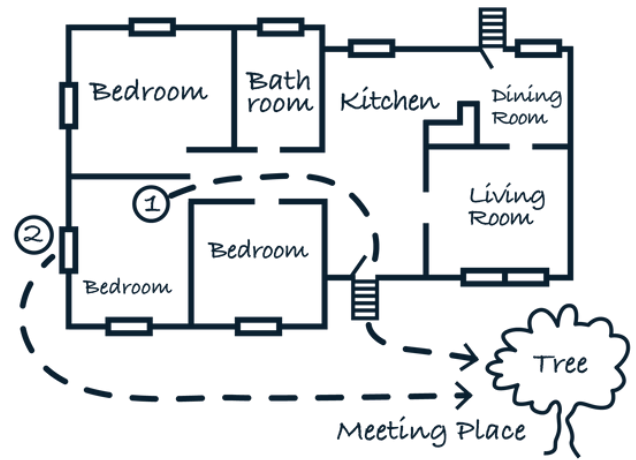
You have about
2 minutes to escape
once the fire alarms sound.

BEFORE A FIRE

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside and outside each bedroom.
- Put a carbon monoxide (CO) detector within 10 feet of each bedroom door.
- Every...
 - month: **Test alarms/detectors.**
 - 6 months: **Replace batteries.**
 - 10 years: **Replace alarms/detectors.**



- Plan **two escape routes** from every room and practice them with your family.
- **Watch your meal** when you're cooking.
- Keep anything that could catch fire at least **three feet from any heat source** (space heater, radiator, stove, etc.).
- **Plug appliances directly into the wall.** Extension cords are for short-term use.
- Never leave a **candle unattended.**
- To prepare for any emergency, create an **emergency plan**, make an **emergency kit**, and sign up for **emergency alerts**.



DURING A FIRE

If a fire happens...

Use a fire extinguisher only on small fires. Remember **P-A-S-S**:

- **P**ull the pin.
- **A**im low at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the lever slowly.
- **S**weep the nozzle from side to side.



Scan to learn about the five types of fire extinguishers:



- 1 **Evacuate** quickly and stay outside. **Stay low and go.** Cover your face.
- 2 **Feel the back of the door moving high to low, then touch the doorknob with the back of your hand.**
 - If it's hot: Do not open.
 - If it's warm: Open the door slowly.
 - If fire or smoke rushes in, close the door.
- 3 If you can't get out, **place a wet towel under the door and call 9-1-1.** Open a window and wave brightly colored clothing or a flashlight to signal for help.
- 4 **Once you're safely outside, call 9-1-1.**

AFTER A FIRE

- Stay out of your home until authorities say it is safe to re-enter.
- Discard any food that has been exposed to heat or smoke.
- Keep an eye on your pets.
- Pay attention to how you and loved ones are handling stress.

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City Services

Call 211
United Way of RI

Call 988
Emotional Support