



# Shelburne Fire Department Fire Escape Plan Worksheet

Home fire escape planning is an essential part to the overall safety and well being of your family. This simple guide will walk you and your family through the design and implementation of YOUR escape plan.

**Learn it, and learn to live by it!**

## PLAN

**Test Your Smoke and CO Alarms Monthly!**

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

**Plan Two Ways Out of Every Room!**

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

**Smoke Kills, So Crawl Low and Go!**

Deadly smoke rises, so good air is usually 12-24 inches from the floor. Stay low and crawl out of the house.

**Plan To Call 911 From a Neighbor's House!**

Call from your neighbor's house and give the dispatcher YOUR address to expedite the fire department's response.

**Identify an Outside Meeting Place!**

Establish a meeting place away from your home, possibly a mailbox or neighbor's front yard and be sure all family members know where to meet.

## PRACTICE

**Push the Test Button and Begin the Drill!**

Plan your fire drills when the family is home, but during different times, possibly when kids are asleep. A monthly drill will keep your escape skills sharp!

**Use Both Ways Out of Every Room!**

Practice escaping from both exits. If an escape ladder is needed, NOW is the time to practice its use, not when the actual need arrives!

**Stay Low and GO!**

Feel the door with the back of your hand to be sure there is no fire, then open the door and crawl out of the house.

**Simulate a 911 Call From the Neighbor's!**

Teach your children to go to the neighbor's home and call 911. Have them answer the dispatcher's questions and DO NOT hang up until told to do so.

**Meet at the Meeting Place!**

Be sure everyone is meeting in the correct location and whomever called 911 also reports to that location when that task is completed.

**And Finally...**

**ONCE OUT - STAY OUT**

Do not go back into the house for anything or anyone.  
You may become part of the problem!!!!

