



PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR HOME FIRE DRILL

Dear Family,

With the assistance of the Calgary Fire Department, your child's school participated in a scheduled fire drill which reinforced the importance of exiting the building as quickly and safely as possible while also remaining calm.

We know that in an emergency, every second counts. It is vital that you and your family understand how quickly fire spreads and how imperative it is that everyone gets out of the home in the event of a fire.

Your family should know two ways out of each room in your home. The first way out is usually a door, the second way out might be a window. You must also be aware of the importance of having a safe designated meeting place such as a nearby tree or a neighbour's home.

Once you have a discussed your home fire escape plan, remember to practice it at least twice a year. Together, we can keep your family safe from fire.

Family Fire Safety Activity

Walk through your home together and complete the following checklist:

- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom (newer homes and most recent fire code amendment), and outside each sleeping area?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Is the number on your house visible from the street? (have a grown-up go with you to check)? This is important for emergency responders.
- Has your family chosen a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

Discuss the importance of having a home escape plan. Talk about each item as you complete the checklist. Once you have completed the checklist, you are ready to make your home escape plan. The link below will assist you with developing your plan and also contains additional recommendations for you to reference:

Visit the following link and follow the directions for your chance to win one of two iPads!
<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/Safety-tips/Safety-tips-home/Home-escape-plan.aspx>

Now that you have drawn your plan, leave it in a place where all family members and guests can see it. Any time you have guests, discuss your escape plan with them.

Remember to practice your home fire drill as a family at least twice a year and determine two days during the year that you should practice your home fire drill. If you have any fire safety related questions where you require information, please contact the Calgary Fire Department by calling 311.

Partnering with the Calgary Fire Department to ensure your family is safe!