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Fire won't wait. Plan your escape

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The National Fire Prevention Association is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week in 2022. This year's campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Home fire escape planning and practicing

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.

Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!

Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. Smoke



Have a fire safety plan and discuss it with the whole family. Teach children how to escape a burning home and where to meet once they are outside.

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alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of your home. Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.

For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the

alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children.

Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during

Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

On the National Fire Prevention Association website at www.nfpa.org, you'll find loads of educational resources to make sure that every person knows what to do in case of a fire. The association has everything from apps to videos to printables and much more, to make sure you have the resources you need to keep your family, your community, and your city safe.

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The roles EMS workers play in your community

Every community has its unsung heroes. Without the contributions of selfless individuals whose efforts often go unnoticed, thriving communities would not be as safe, welcoming or successful. EMS workers are among the most important individuals in a community. The contributions of these individuals, many of whom work as unpaid volunteers, are invaluable and worthy of recognition. Making an effort to understand the role EMS workers play is a great first step toward showing them how much they're appreciated.

What is EMS?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of EMS notes that Emergency Medical Services, or EMS, is a system that provides emergency medical care. The Office of EMS also notes that EMS does not exist in

isolation, as it is integrated with other services and systems with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the health and safety of a community and its residents. This is why EMS services, though they vary from community to community, may be based in fire departments, hospitals, independent government agencies, or nonprofit corporations.

What duties do EMS workers perform?

- Because EMS is a system, EMS workers wear a range of hats. The Office of EMS notes that the responsibilities and services EMS workers provide may include:
- Incident recognition;
 - Access 911;
 - Dispatch;
 - First responder;
 - Basic life support;

- Advanced life support;
- Air/ground transport;
- Emergency department services;
- Specialty care;
- Patient rehabilitation;
- Prevention and awareness; and
- Public education.

When do EMS personnel interact with their communities?

Many people only encounter EMS workers during medical emergencies when they are most in need of help. That underscores the vital role EMS workers play in public health and safety and just how integral they are in instances that could escalate into life-or-death situations. (METRO CREATIVE)

Recognition of the roles EMS workers play is a great way to show support for these often unsung community heroes. STOCK PHOTO Fire Prevention

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HOW TO SHOW YOUR appreciation for EMS workers

Emergency Medical Services is a system that provides emergency medical care to patients in need.

The Office of EMS defines its efforts as a system of coordinated response and emergency medical care that encompasses multiple people and agencies. The system includes law enforcement first responders, emergency services dispatch workers, transportation providers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, and more.

According to the 2020 National EMS Assessment from the National Association of State EMS Officials, there were 1,030,760 licensed EMS professionals in the United States in 2020. EMS responders face many potential job hazards and sometimes put their own lives on the line to address patient emergencies.

Exposure to hazardous bodily substances and chemicals; lifting patients and equipment; treating infectious

illnesses; and riding as passengers in high-speed transportation efforts are just some of the dangers EMS workers encounter every day.

EMS responders work tirelessly to help people in need. They often encounter people in dire situations and are routinely exposed to potentially traumatic situations. Still, many continue to show up to work each and every day. In recognition of the invaluable services they provide, here are just a few ways anyone can show their appreciation for EMS workers in their community.

Prioritize accident and injury prevention

One of the ways to give EMS workers a break is to reduce the need for their services.

By following safety guidelines and conducting yourself in a safe and

responsible manner, you can reduce the number of accidents that require EMS workers to respond. While not every incident can be avoided, prioritizing safety can greatly reduce instances that call for emergency responses.

Offer your gratitude

When you see EMS responders on the job or around the neighborhood, offer words of thanks for all they do to keep your community safe. Your words of encouragement and appreciation can provide support and inspiration to EMS workers.

Rally local youths

Children in school or at home can create thank you cards depicting the hard work of EMS workers. Drop them off at a nearby location or display them around the

community.

Offer store discounts

Business owners can offer year-round discounts to EMS responders and greater discounts during the month of May, when National EMS Week is celebrated.

Go online

Use social media to spread the word. Celebrate those in the EMS community by sharing examples of their hard work, dedication and compassion on social media.

Buy workers lunch

Contact a local EMS agency or visit a nearby first aid squad and deliver a catered lunch. Go the extra mile and enlist neighbors to help finance this gesture.

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How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

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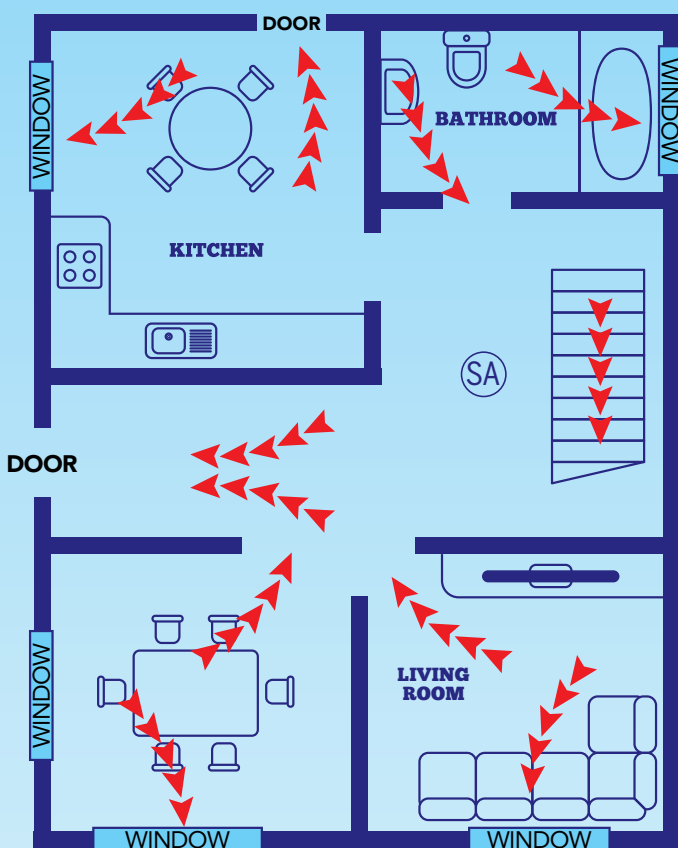
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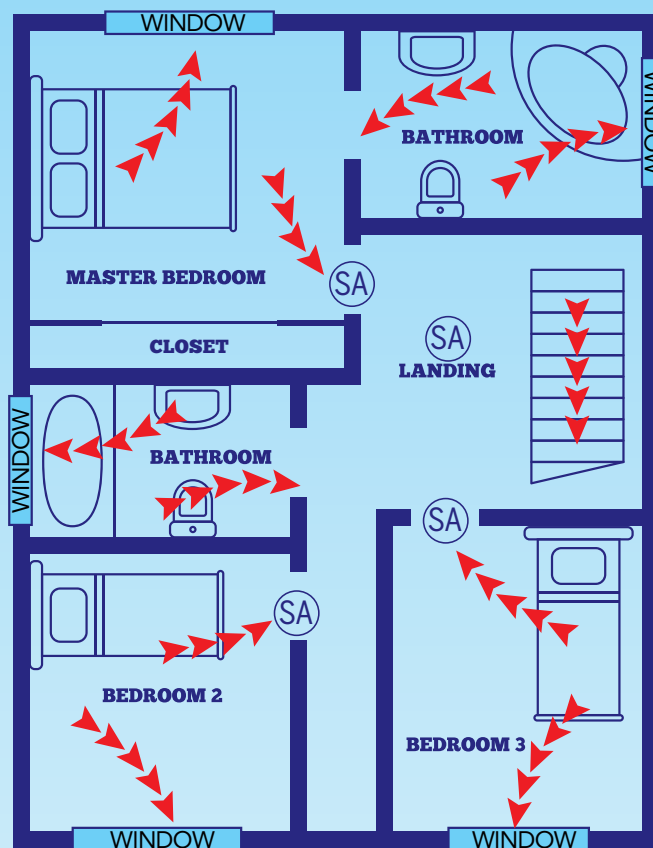
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- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 or your local emergency number.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

Sample Escape Plan



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How to keep pets from causing home fires

Pets can be excitable. Though dogs anxious to get outdoors and play with their owners may be the first image of excited pets to come to mind, cats also can be compelled to move quickly when they hear sudden, loud noises or if they're startled by visitors.

Excited pets can pose a safety hazard in homes where open flames are commonplace. In fact, the National Fire Protection Association estimates that around 1,000 home fires each year are started by pets.

Pet owners can implement strategies recommended by the American Kennel Club and ADT Security Services to reduce the risk of fire in their homes.

Take care

Be especially careful around and mindful of open flames. Pets can easily tip over candles and gain access to fireplaces when open flames are burning.

Extinguish such flames whenever leaving a room, or ask someone to come in and look after pets so they are not left unattended around flames. Even candles on fireplace mantels pose a hazard as curious cats can leap onto mantelpieces and tip over the candles.

Cover stove knobs

Stove knobs are another potential fire hazard in homes with curious pets. Knob covers prevent pets from accidentally turning on burners when no one is looking. Pet owners who let their pets roam free around

the house while they're at work or out running errands should cover stove knobs before leaving their homes.

Purchase flameless candles

Flameless candles are a great option for pet owners whose pets are energetic or especially curious. Flameless candles are battery-powered and provide ambient light without an open flame.

Consider a crate

Consider crating pets or limiting access to certain areas if animals are not yet house-trained. Puppies and kittens are especially curious and eager to explore their new surroundings. That makes it easy for them to find trouble even in areas where pet owners think there isn't any.

Confine pets to crates during times of day when you plan to light candles or the fireplace or install gates to keep them out of rooms where they can access open flames.

Outdoor caution

Exercise caution when using a grill and/or firepit. Charcoal grills and firepits are not indoors, but they can still pose a fire hazard outside.

If necessary, keep pets indoors when grilling or sitting around the firepit. If you want them to be outdoors at these times, prevent them from accessing areas where the grill and firepit are located.

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Pets tend to be curious, and that curiosity can be dangerous around open flames. Some simple tips can reduce the risk of home fires caused by pets.

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'Soaring to New Heights'

BURN CAMP RETURNS TO EAST TROY

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After two, long years of a much-adapted camp, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth 2022 was back in its full glory.

Campers were able to enjoy the regular camp experience from Aug. 7 to 13 with a theme of "Soaring to New Heights." The much-anticipated Burn Camp is offered every year at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy.

Burn Camp is sponsored every year through the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation. The camp is a way to provide meaningful and life-changing support to burn survivors of all ages and stages of recovery. The camp is offered at no cost to the families and is available for burn injured youth throughout Wisconsin.

Visitor's Day was also incorporated back into the camp experience Aug. 11. This gave families and friends the chance to tour the camp, interact with campers, meet the staff, and enjoy a tasty variety of food.

Traditional Fire Truck Parade, with rescue engines from around the area, also returned on Visitor's Day. Residents of the week-long camp were given the chance to ride in the rescue trucks during the parade.

Those in attendance had the chance to watch a Flight For Life helicopter land on the grounds, tour the helicopter and talk with the pilots/nurses. The camp continues to flourish and benefit burn-injured youth through charitable contributions.

Contact www.pffwcf.org for more information.



above: The traditional Fire Truck parade drove through the grounds of Camp Timber Lee with campers waving from the windows and turning on the lights and sirens. **top:** Flight For Life helicopter lands at Camp Timber-lee for campers and visitors to explore. **middle:** Campers from Burn Camp 2022 – Soaring To New Heights – pose for a group shot during Visitor's Day Aug. 11. **right:** Waukesha Fire Inspector Tom Koerner has the pleasure of driving campers/sisters. Pictured from the left are campers Jaishaya, Shaykora and Capresha Evans during the Aug. 11 annual Fire Truck Parade.



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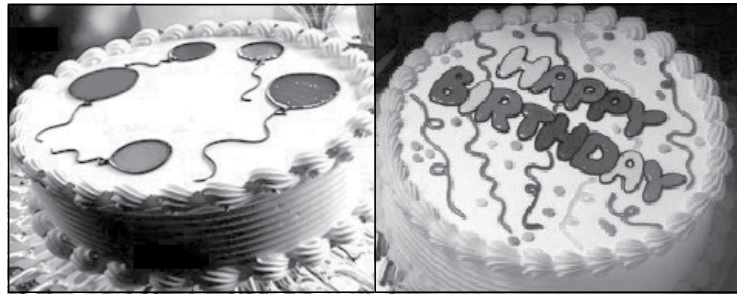
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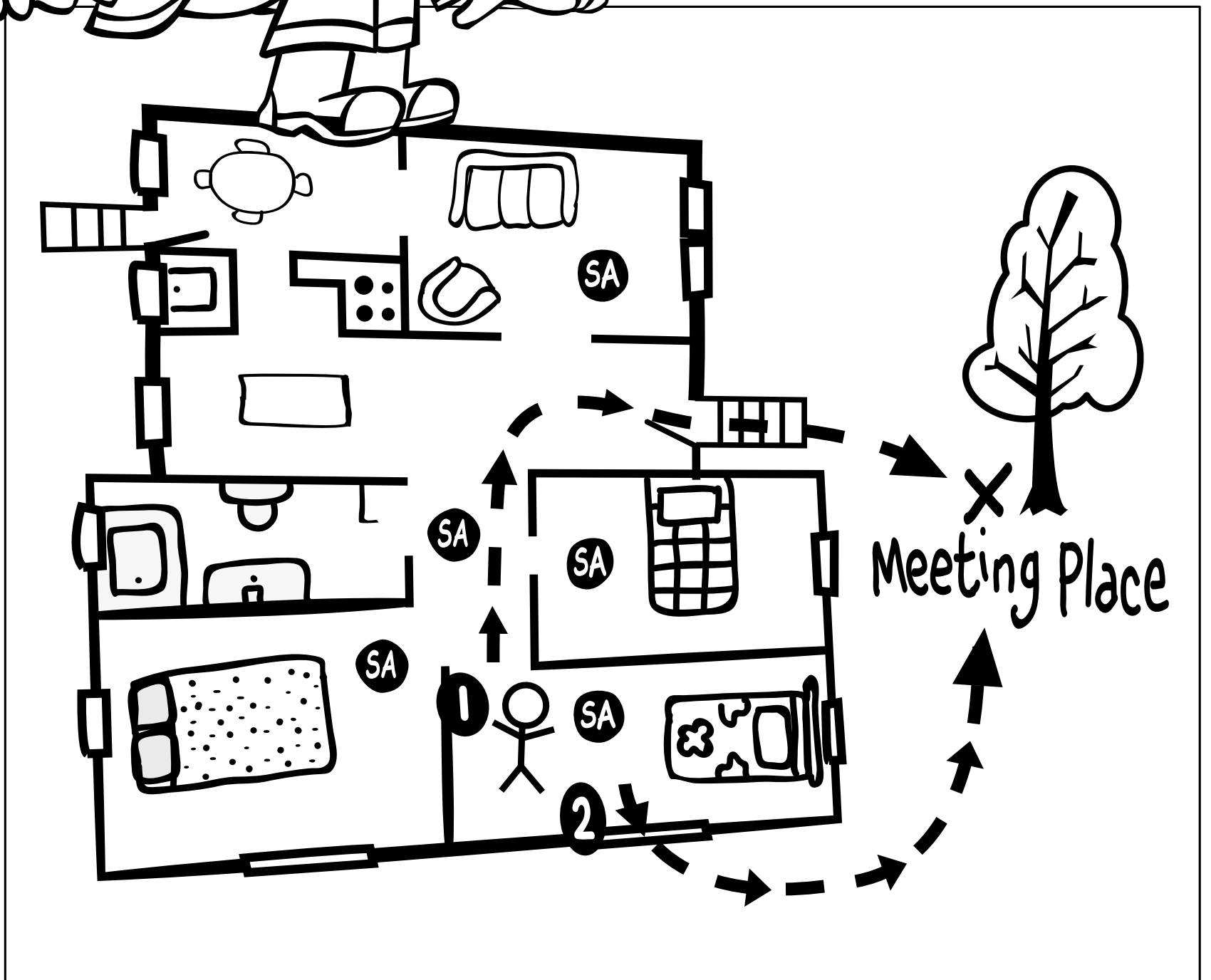
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