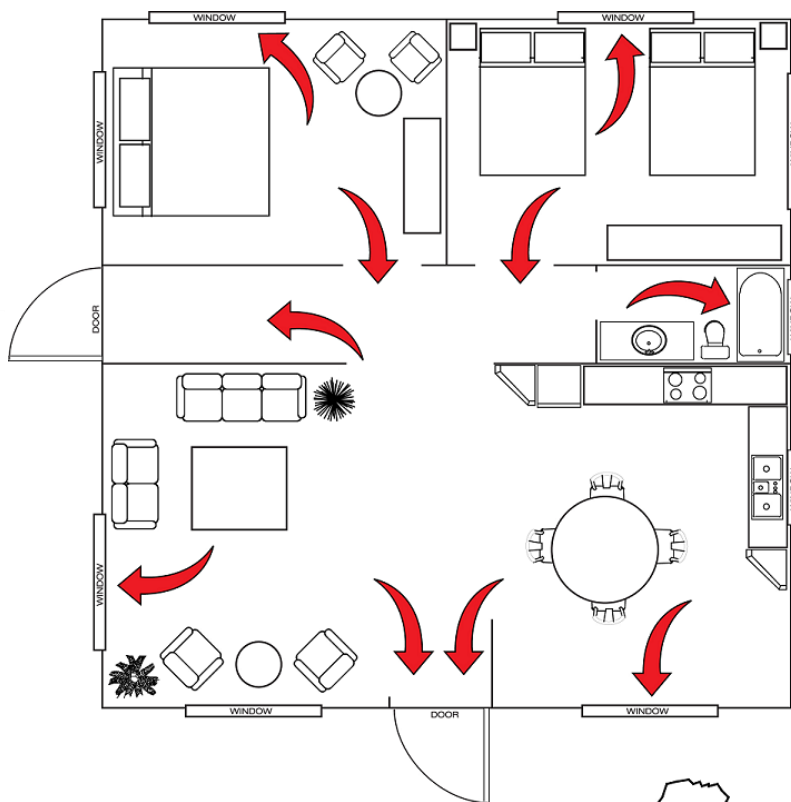




Plan Your Family Fire Escape

A small flame can get out of control and turn into a large, uncontrollable fire in less than 30 seconds.

- Plan for two ways to escape from each room.
- If you live in a multi-story apartment building, map out as many escape routes as possible to exit stairways on your floor of the building.
- If you live in a high-rise, plan to use the stairs - never the elevator - to escape a fire.
- A secondary route might be a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder for escape from upper-story windows. Purchase only collapsible ladders evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Plan for everyone in your home, including babies and others who need help to escape.
- Pick a meeting location away from your home.
- Practice getting out with your eyes closed, crawling low to the floor and keeping your mouth covered.
- Involve children in making and practicing your escape plan.
- Teach children to never hide during a fire; they must get out and stay out.
- Clear toys, boxes and other debris from exits.
- Check that windows open easily. Fix any that stick.
- Be sure that security bars on doors and windows have a quick-release latch, and everyone knows how to open them.
- Practice your family escape drill with everyone in your family!



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