Plan Ahead. If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

DRAW a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home.
PRACTICE the plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
PRACTICE using different ways out.
TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...
If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
FEEL the knob and door before opening a door.
CALL the fire department from outside your home.

FACTS

According to an NFPA survey, only one in four Americans have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
While 66% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 35% of those have practiced it.
One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!