

# Creating a Fire Plan Map

## Objective:

To learn and practice mapping skills. To develop a home fire plan.

## You will need:

- *Fire Escape Plan* grid
- pencil
- map pencils
- ruler



## Instructions:

### Teachers/Parents:

1. Show some examples of fire plan maps. Discuss their purpose and how they are used.
2. Discuss fire safety, and plan escape routes.
3. Choose a meeting place in your yard or a neighbor's yard. Make sure it is a safe distance from your house, but not too far so that firefighters can find you. The meeting place may be a tree, phone pole, mailbox, etc.

### Students:

1. On the grid, draw the outer and interior walls of your home.
2. Mark all doors and windows on the map. Label and color the map.
3. Using a red pencil or marker, draw arrows showing escape routes from each room of the house. It is very important to have at least two escape routes from each room.
4. On the map, mark the meeting place or draw an arrow pointing to the meeting place. Label the meeting place.
5. Find the smoke alarms in your home. Mark them on the map with an X.

### Hints:

- If your home has more than one level, draw a separate map for each floor.
- Once the fire plan is complete, have a drill to be sure everyone in the family knows the plan. Learn to unlock and open windows and remove window screens.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries annually.

# Fire Escape Plan

**If you suspect a fire...**

- leave the house immediately.
- go straight to the meeting place.
- Call 911 from outside the house.

