



City of Boulder Fire Department

CONDUCT A HOME FIRE DRILL October is National Fire Prevention Month

Boulder Fire Department wants every family to practice a home fire drill. School children practice their evacuation procedures at school every month, but most serious fires occur in the home and often at night when people are sleeping. It is important to know just what to do at home if your smoke alarm sounds. Practicing a **home fire drill** is essential since you may have only 2 or 3 minutes to escape.

Discuss:

- Talk with your family about your Home Escape Plan:
- Identify 2 ways out of every room.
- Designate 1 location outside (Meeting Place) so you know who evacuated and who or where someone might be trapped.
- Once outside, stay outside.**
- Call 9-1-1 for fire response once outside the home. Make sure your children know their address in case the call is placed from a cell phone – Dispatch will need exact location.
- Firefighters will rescue pets if necessary.

Practice your Home Fire Drill:

- Test the smoke alarms to make sure they work. Push the "test" button to make it sound. Everyone needs to be familiar with the sound.
- Ask one person to be the Time Keeper to keep track of how fast everyone can get out of their rooms and out of the house.
- Problem solve any issues related to evacuation – before you need to know!

Record your Results:

Our family tested the smoke alarms and practiced a home fire drill. We all evacuated and gathered at our Meeting Place in _____ minutes.

Date _____