



# Planning ahead!

## Making a home fire escape plan

The best way to make the most of a smoke alarm's early warning is to plan ahead so if the smoke alarm does go off you have a plan of action.



If the smoke alarm goes off, you must:

- When you leave a room, close the door behind you. This helps to stop smoke from spreading and limits the oxygen that can get to the fire.
- Take care when going down stairs; walk, don't run. Keep the stairs clear of any books, coats or other things that you could trip over.
- Go out the closest door that is safe to exit through.
- Have a meeting point for your family, so everyone knows where to go even if they leave through different doors.





## Planning Ahead

One way to make the most of a smoke alarm's warning is to plan ahead. Use the grids below to draw plans of your home. It may be best to start by drafting out your plans in pencil.

Think carefully about the size and shape of each room and mark your escape routes in red.

### Things to think about...

- Have you got a working smoke alarm on each floor?
- Needs to be quick but safe – NOT out of the window!
- Keep stairs clear
- Keys near door
- Take a phone or go to a neighbour to call 999



