

When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside!

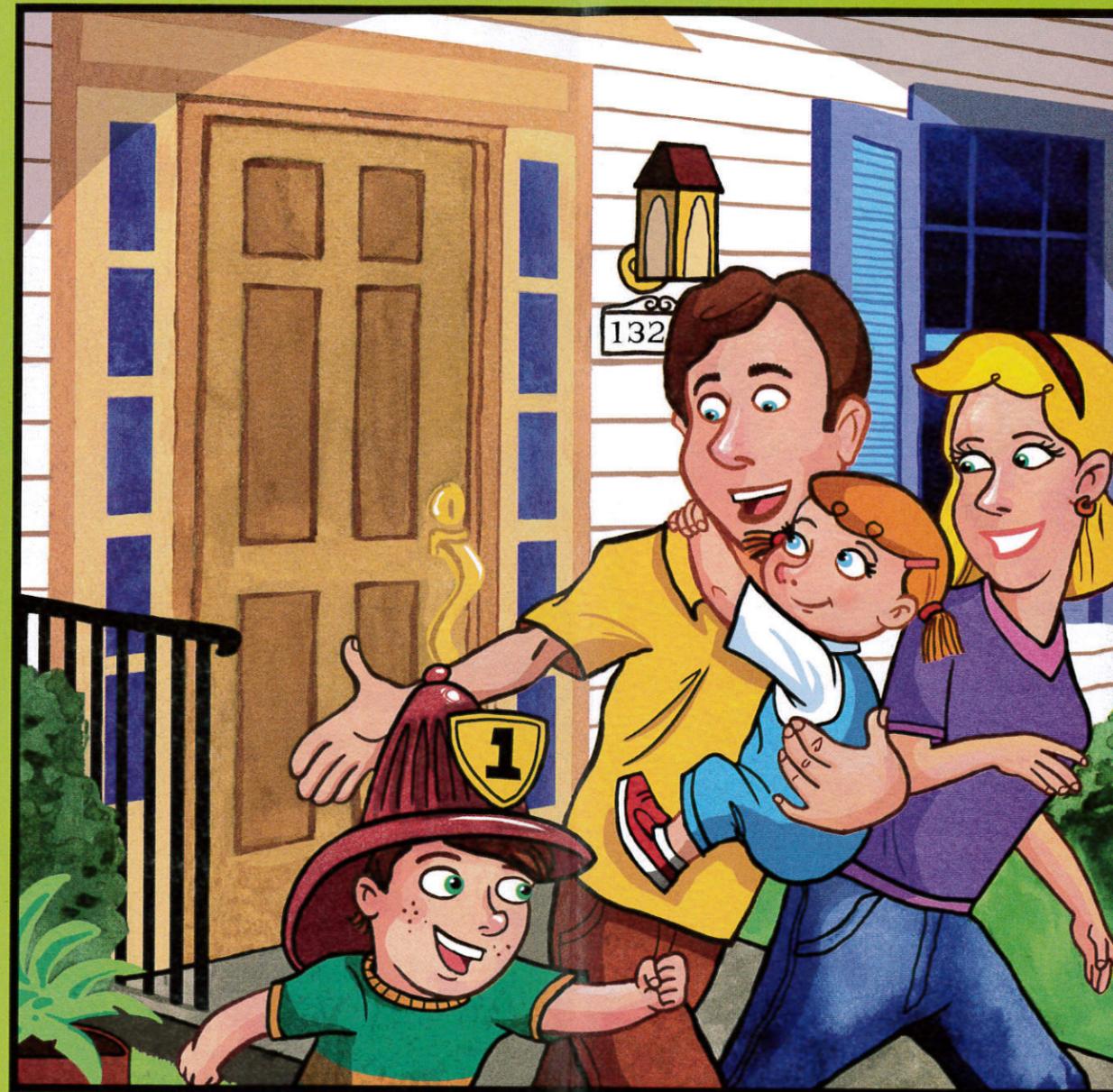
- More than 80% of fire deaths happen in the home. That's why you need working smoke alarms and a plan to get out of the home in case of a fire.

Make a home escape plan.

- A home escape plan is a plan to get out of your home quickly.
- Get everyone in your home together. Find all doors and windows that lead outside. Make sure they open easily.
- Windows or doors with security bars, grilles, or window guards should have emergency release devices so they can be used for escape.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. One way out will be the door, and the second way out may be a window or another door.
- Choose a meeting place a safe distance in front of the home where everyone should meet once they've escaped.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street both during the day and at night.
- Have a plan for anyone in your home who may need assistance to escape, such as young children, older adults, or people with disabilities.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number for your fire department.

NFPA Fast Fact:

Only one-fifth to one-fourth of households (23%) have actually made and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely.



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Practice your plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home at least twice a year.

- Push the smoke alarm test button to start the drill.
- Get out fast.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.
- Go to your outside meeting place.
- Practice using different ways out.

Have working smoke alarms.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Make sure everyone understands the warning of your smoke alarms and knows how to respond.
- Test your smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

If you can't get outside...

- Seal vents and cracks around doors with a wet cloth. Call the fire department, tell them where you are, and signal from a window with a flashlight or light-colored cloth.

NFPA Fast Fact:

In 2009, there were over 360,000 reported home structure fires and almost 2,600 associated civilian deaths in the United States.



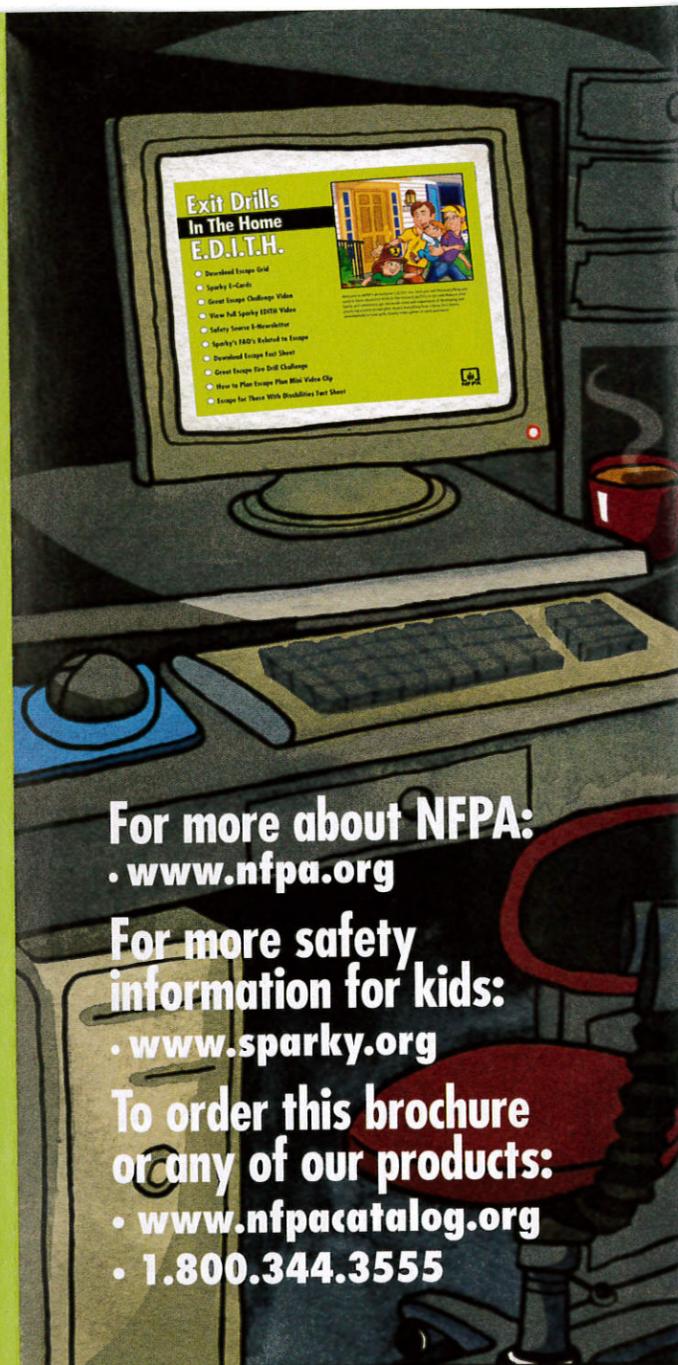
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- Your building management should post the emergency escape plan on every floor.
- Learn and practice your building's escape plan twice a year.
- Know the location of all doors leading outside and know where manual fire alarm boxes are located.
- Keep a cell phone with you during an emergency.
- Use the stairs — never use elevators during a fire.

Make a safe escape

- If there is smoke blocking your way out, use your second way. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
- If you can't get to someone who needs help, leave the home and call the fire department. Tell the fire department where the person is located.
- Once outside, call the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone.
- Once you are out of the home, stay out. Never go back into the burning building to rescue people, pets, or belongings.

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