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Home Fire Drill

Objective

The child and parent(s) will design a home escape plan and practice it at least once as a family. The main objective is to make sure that everyone in the family knows two ways out of every room and to make sure that they are able to go out from either easily and without getting hurt. For instance, does your child know how to open his/her window? Is he/she tall enough to reach the lock on the window? Practicing when there is not an emergency will help your family be more prepared and not panic if there ever is one.

Props

Our Fire Escape Plan worksheet, your working smoke detectors

Directions

Tell your child that you would like him/her to help you plan the best way for the family to escape from a fire if one started at night when you were all sleeping. Ask, "What are the dangers of a fire?" (blackness, choking, smoke, heat, poison gases). Talk about how the different dangers make it impossible for anyone to find their way through their house. It is very important that everyone get straight out of the house right away.

Together, draw a picture of your home floor plan. Mark the location of:

- Smoke detectors
- Two exits from every bedroom
- A place to meet outside
- The closest telephone (next door neighbor or cell phone)

- Together, check the exits from each bedroom.
- If the second exit is a window, can it be reached?
- Can it be opened?
- Can someone get safely to the ground?
- Make plans for any babies and toddlers in the family. (Early warning from the smoke detector is especially important so you will have time to get the baby and get out.)
- Tell your plan to the rest of the family.
- As a group, practice the plan to be sure it works. (Each person in their bedroom; you set off the smoke detector as a signal; everyone meets at the meeting place to count noses.)
- Make any changes needed.

