The _____ Family's Fire Safety Checklist

EVERYONE in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

Kid's Checklist

- ❑ Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- ❑ Do you know the sound that a smoke alarm makes?
- ❑ Do you know what to do if you smoke alarm sounds?
- ❑ Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- ❑ Can you see the number on your house from the street (have a grown-up go with you to check)?
- ❑ Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

Grown-up's Checklist

- ❑ Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- ❑ Does your home have interconnected smoke alarms (when one sounds, they all sound)?
- ❑ Do you test the batteries in the smoke alarms at least once a month?
- ❑ Does your family have a home fire-escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?
- ❑ Does your entire family practice your plan twice a year?

Do The Drill!

Follow these easy steps to complete a fun family fire drill!

1. Call the family together. Let everyone know that you are going to do a practice fire drill.
2. Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off, everyone should quickly and carefully leave the home and go to the Outside Meeting Place.
3. Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. After several minutes, set off the smoke alarm by pushing the test button and watch your family's actions.
4. When everyone reassembles at the Outside Meeting Place, ask each family member to explain exactly what they did when the alarm went off.
5. Review any questions and repeat the drill at least one more time.

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