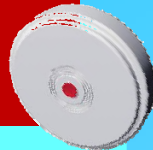


Be ready in case of fire at home

It's possible!

The smoke alarm: the most reliable way to alert you!



HAVE AT LEAST ONE SMOKE ALARM ON EACH FLOOR

- ▶ Check them regularly, ideally every month and replace them every 10 years.
- ▶ Never remove the battery from the smoke alarm and never disconnect it, even if it is triggered unnecessarily. Instead use the mute button.
- ▶ Make sure to have a smoke alarm in the hallway near the bedrooms.



Smoke is deadly and spreads at lightning speed

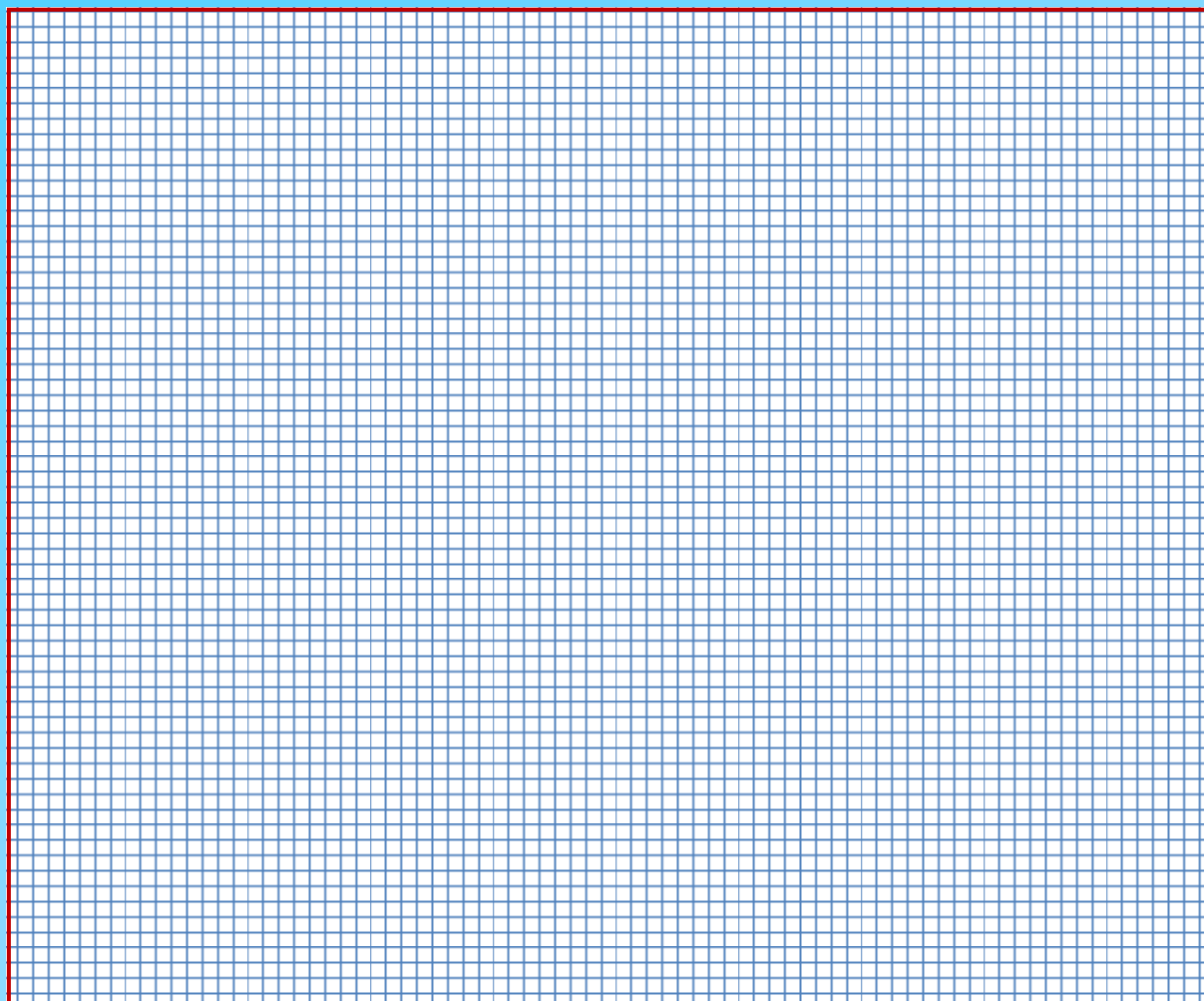
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## My home's evacuation plan



Draw an evacuation plan of each floor

- ▶ The evacuation plan increases chances for you and your family to get out safely in case of fire.
- ▶ Have an evacuation drill at least once a year with your children in order to get out as quickly as possible.



A grid map and pictogram cuttings are available at [securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca](http://securitepublique.gouv.qc.ca)

Prepare an Evacuation plan



That's reassuring!



Practice with your Family!

## Draw your evacuation plan

- ▶ Draw the evacuation plan of your house by involving your children and other occupants .
- ▶ If you rent, familiarize yourself with the evacuation procedure planned by the owner. If there isn't any, advise the owner of the importance of having one.

## Indicate following elements on your plan

- ▶ Two accessible exits for each room, if possible, such as a door and a window.
- ▶ The location of all smoke alarms.
- ▶ The location of portable extinguishers.



- ▶ In dotted lines, indicate all exit routes out of each room to get outside.
- ▶ The outdoor assembly point, usually at the front of your house or your building.

## Also plan

- ▶ How to evacuate young children and, if necessary, elderly or handicapped people.
- ▶ How to reach 9-1-1 once outside of your house, for example, by going to a neighbor.

## Make sure that

9-1-1



- ▶ **Exits marked on your map (doors, windows, corridors, balconies, porches and stairwells) are clear of obstructions at all times. Pay special attention to:**
  - Bulky items blocking the exits such as toys, bikes and BBQ .
  - Snow accumulation that can block certain exits.
- ▶ **Windows that can be used as exists, must be:**
  - Clear of any clutter, both inside and out.
  - Cleared of snow and ice in winter.
  - At a reachable height for a young child who must know how to open them.
  - Equipped with a safe way to reach the ground from an upper floor, such as an escape ladder.

**All your exits must be accessible at all times!**

# Alerted, Ready,

# Get out!

## At the sound of the smoke alarm:

- ▶ Immediately alert the children and other occupants.
- ▶ Leave the house without wasting time.
- ▶ Go to the assembly point and make sure no one is missing.
- ▶ Call 911 and wait for the fire department at the assembly point.
- ▶ Never go back inside, even to save a person, animal, or to retrieve your belongings. Firefighters are trained and equipped for that!

Did you know that deaths in fires usually occur at night when everyone is asleep?



## BUT...

- ▶ **If the door of the room where you are is warm/hot to the touch:**
  - Do not open it.
  - Block the passage of smoke in front of the door with a cloth or garment.
  - Make your presence known at the window.
- ▶ **If there is a lot of smoke:**
  - Crawl to avoid breathing toxic smoke and to better see where you are going .
  - Head quickly to the nearest exit .

**Remember, when there is a fire, every second counts.**

**PRACTICE! PRACTICE!**

