



# Clallam County Fire District 3

Motto: *Serve, Respect,  
Prevent and Protect*

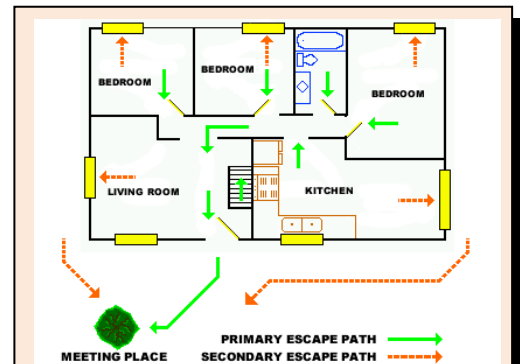
## Simple Steps to Survive a Fire

When fire strikes, seconds count. A pre-arranged and practiced home escape plan can help your family get out alive.

**Plan ahead and  
stay alive!**

Follow these Simple steps to survive a fire:

- 1. Install and Maintain Multiple Smoke Alarms:** These early warning devices help ensure a safe escape. Test smoke alarms every week. Unless your smoke alarm has a 10-year battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the smoke alarms sounds, get out fast and stay out.
- 2. Draw an Escape Plan of Your Home:** Whether you live in a house, apartment or mobile home, make an escape plan. Include all doors, windows, hallways and stairways. Indicate two exits from every room. Alternate exits are needed in case primary exits are blocked by smoke or fire. Select a safe meeting place outside your home and mark it on the plans.
- 3. Practice the Plan with the Entire Family:** First, walk through the plan with everyone to be certain all exits are easily opened and safe to use. Assign someone to help young children, the disabled and the elderly. Hold practice drills at least twice a year. Practice during the day and at night to prepare everyone for different fire situations.
- 4. Get Out and Stay Out:** If you smell smoke, see fire or hear the smoke alarm, follow your escape plan. Get low to avoid breathing toxic gases, smoke and hot air. Test for danger before proceeding. Feel the door with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, don't open it. Use your second way out. If unable to escape, hang a sheet or piece of clothing out the window to signal for help. If the door is cool, follow your escape plan closing all doors behind you. Never use elevators during a fire. Never go back into a building for any reason.
- 5. Go to a Safe Meeting Place:** Once outside, everyone should immediately go to the designated meeting place.
- 6. Call for Help:** When your family is gathered at the meeting place, send one person to use a neighbor's home phone to call firefighters. Everyone else should remain together until the fire department arrives. When calling for help, stay calm! Speak slowly and clearly. Give your name and complete address. Stay on the line until the operator tells you to hang up. Escape first – then call the fire department.



- ✓ Indicate all doors, windows, bedrooms, walls, stairways and hallways.
- ✓ Designate at least two exits from each room. Make special provisions for those on the second or higher floors.
- ✓ Specify a meeting place outside the home where family members can gather once everyone is evacuated.

**Get out! Stay out!**