



# My Family Escape Plan: be ready, stay safe



By taking some basic precautions, it's very unlikely that a fire will start in your home. But if a fire does start, it's important that everyone in your home knows what to do.

## **Step 1: Consider your exits**

First, think about the quickest and safest way for you and your loved ones to escape your home. The best route is the normal way in and out of your home.

Then, think about how you'd all get out of the house if your usual escape route is blocked.

Write these down, so everyone knows what to do.

My main escape route is:

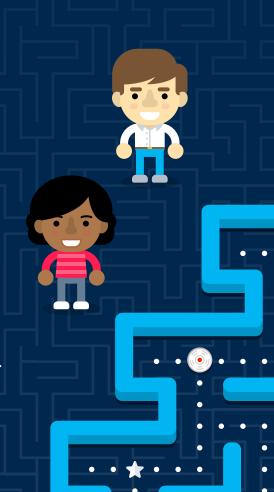
My other escape routes are:

# Step 2: Decide on a meeting spot

It can be helpful to have a spot where everyone goes once they're out of the house. This could be on the street, in the garden or at a neighbour's house.

If you can't get out, stay together in one room and wait for help.

Our meeting spot is:



### Step 3: Talk about the plan

Talking to children and loved ones about what to do in an emergency can feel scary.

But fires happen fast and preparation saves lives.

So take the time- even just a few minutes- to talk your escape plan through with your loved ones.

It may also be helpful to practice your plan in different scenarios, such as escaping in the dark or dealing with blocked exits.

#### Other advice

Some other things to remember in the event of a fire:



Our advice is always to get out, stay out and call 999. Don't try to tackle a fire yourself



Stay low to the ground to avoid smoke



Close doors behind you to slow the spread of fire



Never re-enter a burning building for possessions

Use this space to draw your own escape plan