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Plan

- Plan an escape route and make sure everyone knows how to get out.
- Make sure exits are kept clear.
- The best route is the normal way in and out of your home.
- Plan a second route in case the first one is blocked.
- Take a few minutes to practise your escape plan.
- Review your plan if the layout of your home changes.
- Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them.

What to do if there is a fire

- Don't tackle fires yourself.
- Keep calm and act quickly. Get everyone out as soon as possible.
- Don't waste time investigating what's happened or rescuing valuables.
- If there's smoke, keep low where the air is clearer.
- Before you open a door, check if it's warm. If it is, don't open it – fire is on the other side.
- Call 999 as soon as possible



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What to do if your escape is blocked

- If you can't get out, get everyone into one room, ideally with a window and a phone.
- Put bedding around the bottom of the door to block out the smoke, then open the window and call "HELP FIRE".
- If you're on the ground or first floor, you may be able to escape through a window.
- Use bedding to cushion your fall and lower yourself down carefully. Don't jump.
- If you can't open the window, break the glass in the bottom corner. Make jagged edges safe with a towel or blanket.

For Support & Guidance please contact our **Community Advice Team** for more information on smoke detectors, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm

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