#### **Multi-Story Building**

- Your building's management should post an emergency evacuation plan on every floor. Make sure people with disabilities are included in escape planning and practice.
- Your plan may instruct you to
  - ⇒ Leave immediately
  - ⇒ Stay where you are and wait to be rescued, or
  - ⇒ Move to an area away from the fire and wait to be rescued
- Follow instructions given over your building's public address system, if you have one.
- Keep portable phone with you during a fire emergency.
- React immediately if you are trapped. Seal vents and cracks around doors with a wet cloth. Call the fire department, tell them where you are, and signal from a window with a flashlight or light-colored cloth.
- Be patient; evacuating large buildings can take hours.
- Do not assume that you can, or will be rescued from the roof.
- Learn and practice your building's evacuation plan.
- Know the location of all building exits and fire alarms.
- Leave immediately if you hear a smoke alarm.
- Take your key in case you can't escape and are forced to return to your apartment.
- Use the stairs never use elevators during a fire.
- Do not go back inside once you've escaped a fire
- Report any locked or blocked exits to your building's management.

#### Escape Tips

☐ Feel the door. If the door is hot, try another escape route. If it's cool, open it slowly. Close it quickly if smoke pours through.



☐ If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.



Close doors behind you as you escape to slow the spread of fire and smoke.



# EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME

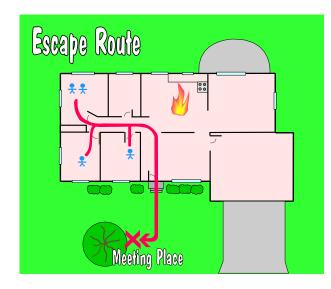
#### **IN CASE OF FIRE:**



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## YOU CAN SURVIVE A FIRE IN YOUR HOME IF YOU PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE!



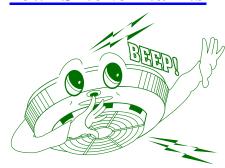
Practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year. If the smoke alarm sounds in your home, everyone will know how to get out and meet at the outside meeting place. Choose a spot in front of your home, where the fire department will see you when they arrive. Never go back into the burning building to attempt to rescue people or pets or retrieve possessions. Firefighters are trained and equipped to enter buildings and rescue people.

#### Plan Your Escape

- ☐ Draw a floor plan of your home. Show two ways out of each room. Discuss escape routes with everyone in your home.
- Agree on a meeting place outside where everyone will gather once you've escaped.



### Install and Maintain Your Smoke Alarms



- ♦ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Consider installing smoke alarms with a "long-life" (10 year) battery. These alarms must also be tested once a month.
- Test your smoke alarm once a month.
- Replace alarm batteries once a year.
- Replace any alarm that's more than 10 years old.
- ♦ Install smoke alarms with strobe lights for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.