How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

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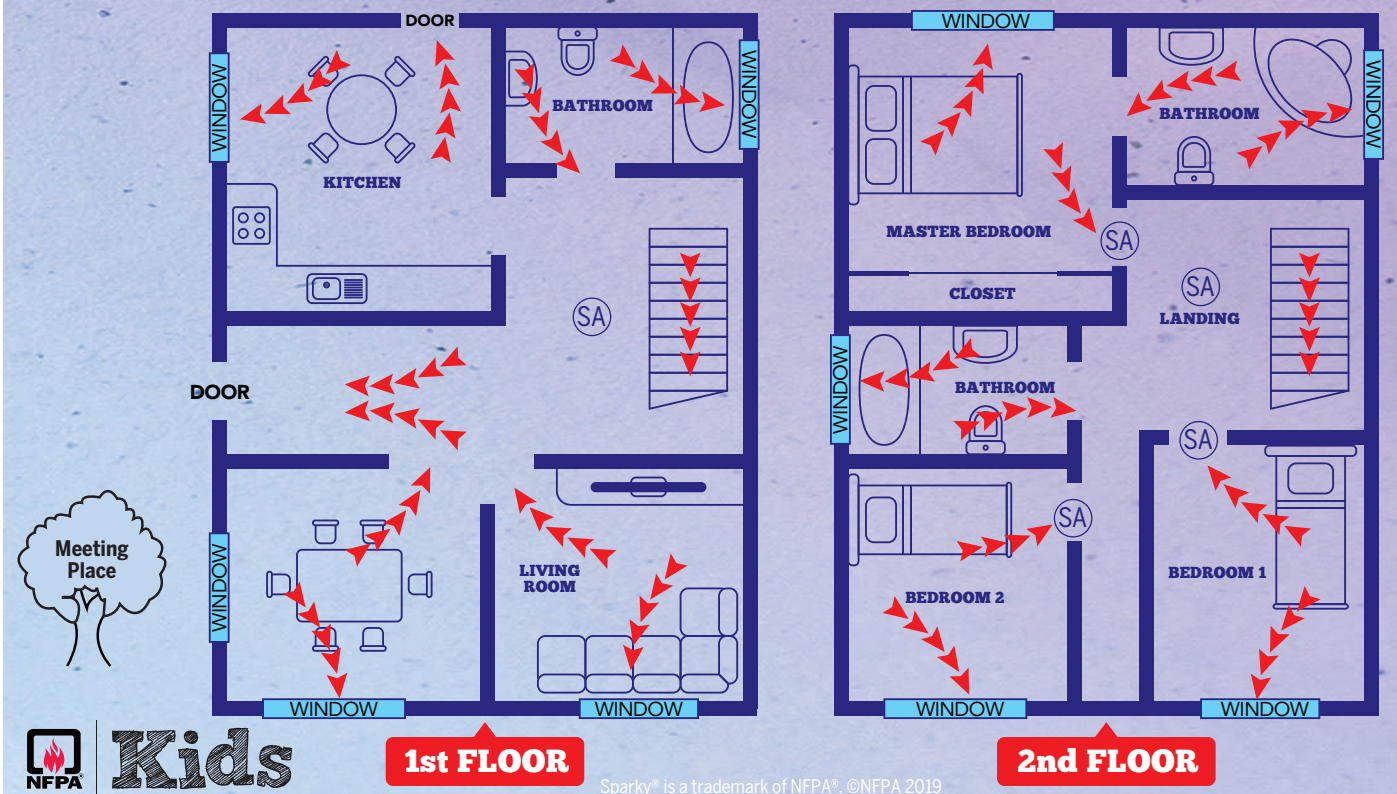
- [ ] Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows, and label rooms.
- [ ] Visit each room. Find two ways out -- make sure there is no clutter or furniture blocking those ways out.
- [ ] All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- [ ] Make sure your home has working smoke alarms inside and outside every bedroom. Test monthly.
- [ ] Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home, but far enough away to be safe from flames or other dangers. Everyone will meet at the meeting place in case of an emergency.
- [ ] Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- [ ] Talk about your plan with everyone in your home -- everyone should know their job by heart.
- [ ] Make sure everyone knows to call 911 for an emergency -- don't call Beacon Hose's business number.
- [ ] Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year! Consider buying a fire escape ladder for upper floors.
- [ ] Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on pages 2-3.

Sample Escape Plan



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