



SOCIAL STORY

# HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN



If there is a fire in my house it can be upsetting, especially if I am not prepared.

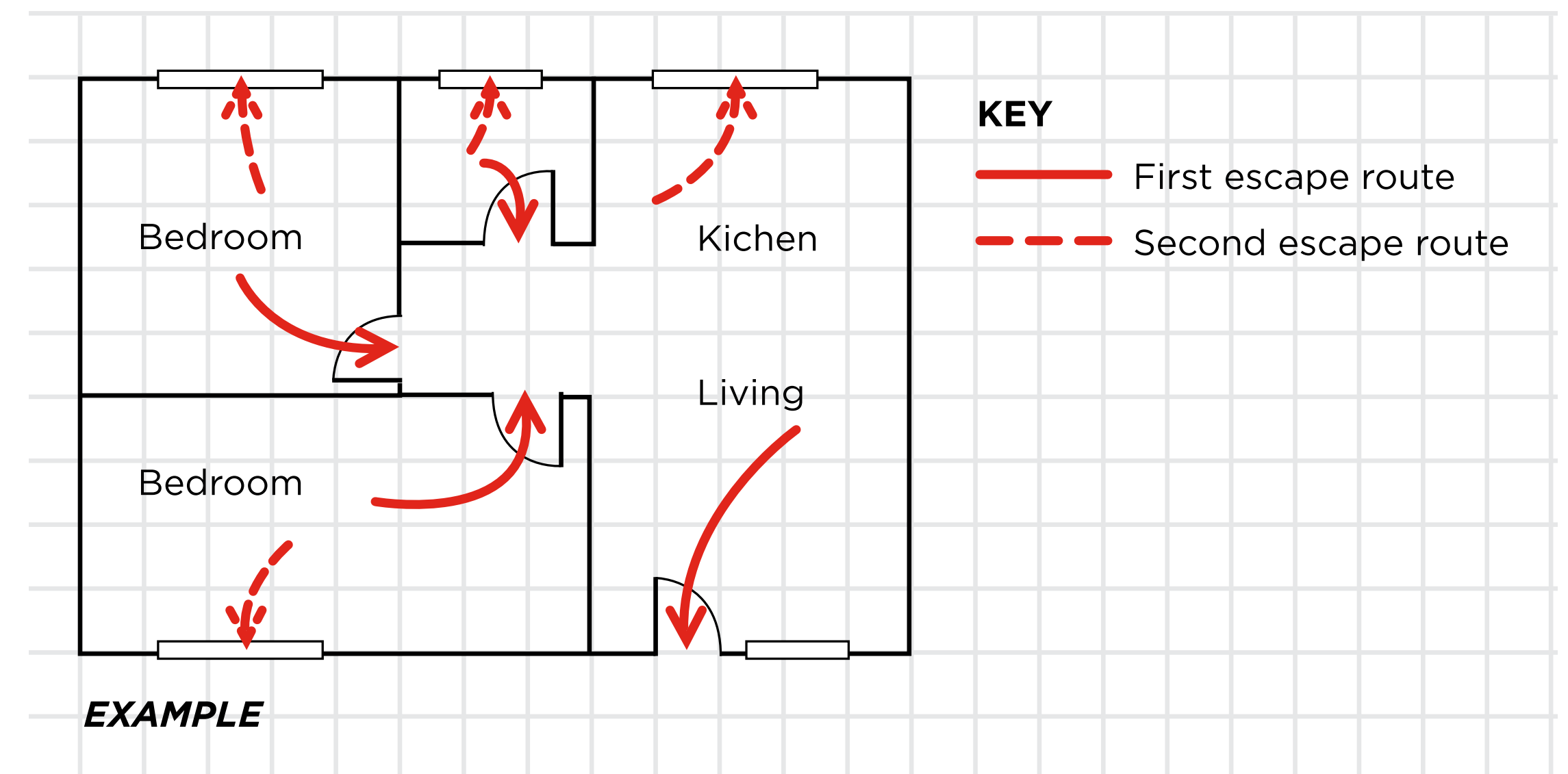
I can create a **Home Fire Escape Plan**, so I know what to do if there is a fire. This will help me stay calm, which is important.

Each member of my household should help make our Home Fire Escape Plan.



To make a **Home Fire Escape Plan**, I need to draw a floorplan of my house, including the location of windows and doors.

Next, I need to find two escape routes for every room in the house. I can mark these on the plan.



Having **two escape routes** is important. If I hold the back of my hand to the door and the door is hot, it means there is fire on the other side and it is not safe to go through. I can try the other escape route from my plan, such as a window.

If this is not safe, I can lie on my tummy in the middle of the room and wait for firefighters.



I need to decide on a **safe meeting place** with my household.

This is somewhere we will meet once we are outside and away from the fire.

It should be far enough away from the fire, but close enough that firefighters can find us easily. The letterbox is often used as a safe meeting place.

My safe meeting place is:

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**TIP:**

I can stick a photo or draw a picture of my safe meeting place in the box



A small fire can become a big fire really quickly. I need to practise my Home Fire Escape Plan at least twice a year so I can act fast in an emergency.

My Home Fire Escape Plan should be kept where everyone can see it, like on the fridge.



If my family have any questions or need help to make a Home Fire Escape Plan, the adults in my house can call the local fire station to arrange a **Safety Visit**.

During a Safety Visit, firefighters will visit my house to make sure we have working smoke alarms and help create our Home Fire Escape Plan. This is a free service.





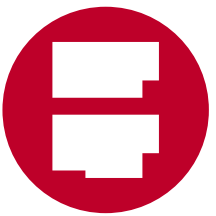






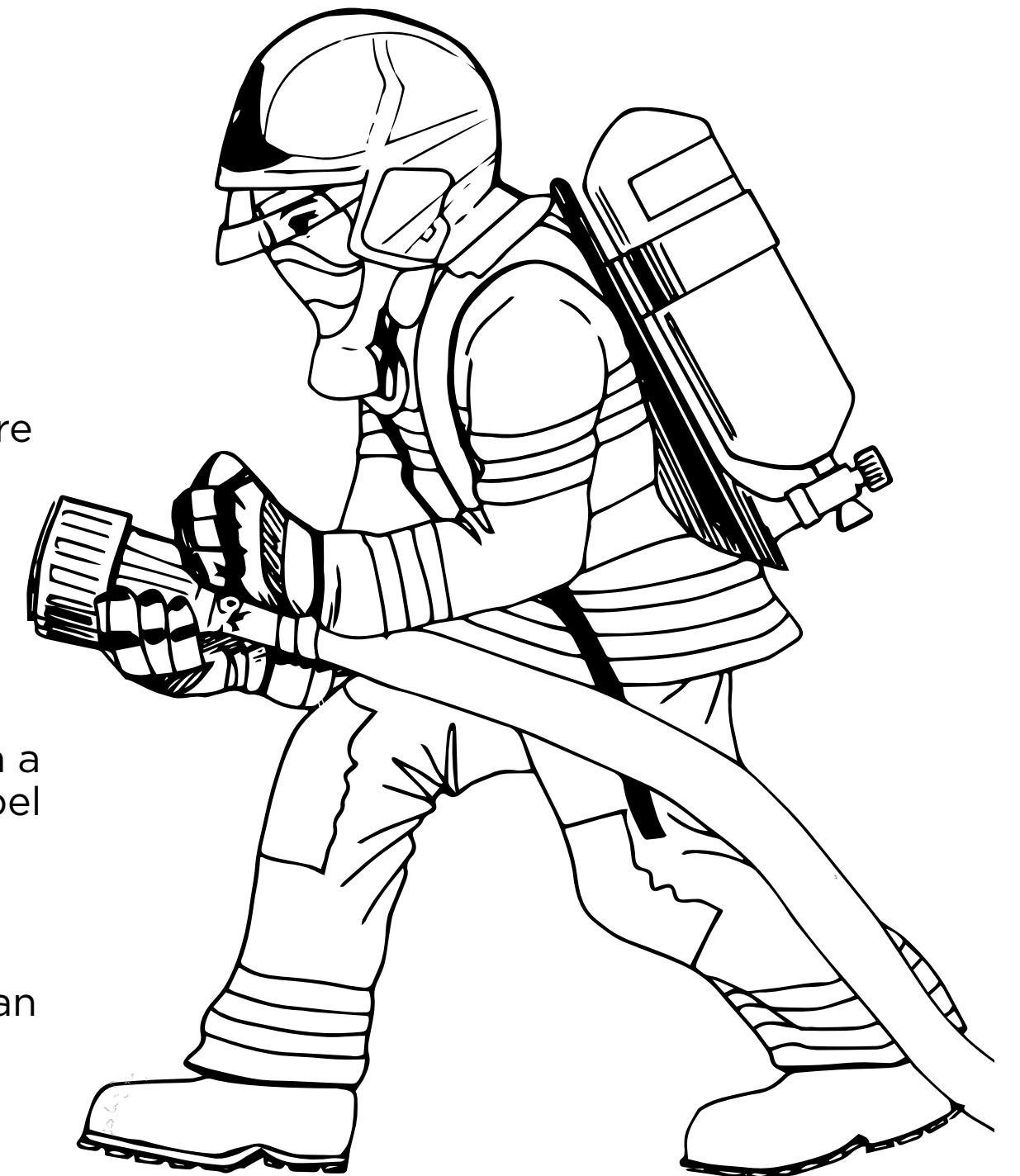
# MY HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

I can use the template on the next page to create a Home Fire Escape Plan with my household.

## MY FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

On the next page, draw a map of your house. Now do the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |    | Find two ways out of each room                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Put your plan up in your house for everyone to see, like on your fridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |    | Show all doors and windows                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Practice your Home Fire Escape Plan with your household                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |    | Draw 2 floor plans if your house is two stories            |                          |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |   | Label each room  |                          |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Draw a '⊙' where there is a smoke alarm                    |                          |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Show your Safe Meeting Place with a large circle and label |                          |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Talk about your plan with everyone in your home            |                          |   |   |





## OUR HOUSE FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

1. Draw the floor plan of your house.
2. Draw the two best ways out of your house.  
Cut out and place on the fridge at home!
3. Where is the best meeting place  
(for example, your letter box)?
4. Practise this escape plan with your family!
5. Keep the plan handy to remind everyone of  
the safe exits in case of fire.

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The following members of our family have  
practised this house fire escape plan.

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Signature

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