

# GET OUT & STAY OUT

## PLAN YOUR ESCAPE



### WHY DO I NEED AN ESCAPE PLAN?

Homes today burn up to **8x faster** than 50 years ago

**Despite their best efforts**, the fire department may not arrive quickly enough to save you.

You need to know how to react in a fire **BEFORE** it happens.

### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

**Practicing** a home fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do will help everyone safely escape a fire as quickly as possible.

### If a fire occurred in your home tonight would your family get out safely?

- ❖ Test your **SMOKE ALARMS** by pushing the test button. Smoke alarms should be installed on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in a fire. **PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE PLAN** with everyone in the home.
- ❖ **KNOW TWO WAYS OUT OF EACH ROOM**, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- ❖ **HELP THOSE WHO NEED IT!** Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who may need assistance.
- ❖ **HAVE A MEETING PLACE OUTSIDE**, a safe distance from your home. In case of fire, everyone should go directly to this meeting place to be accounted for.
- ❖ **CLOSE DOORS** behind you as you leave.
- ❖ **GET OUT, STAY OUT.** When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside using a cell phone or from a neighbour's home. Never re-enter a burning building.