

If your family doesn't have a fire emergency plan, it should.

According to the American Red Cross, most fires occur during the months of December and January – but house fires can happen anytime. The most important thing you can do for your family is have an action plan in place in case of an emergency.

Once you create a plan, it is crucial to review that plan with your family. Practice your emergency plan at least twice a year to build confidence and reduce panic in the event of a real-life situation. Remember to always remain calm. Your mind can make more sound decisions when you are in control.

Here are just a few tips:

- Make sure every room has an exit. Emergency fire ladders are a great option for 2nd floor bedrooms and can be stored under the bed.
- Plan for small children, elderly, and pets.
- Establish multiple exit options from your home.
- Make sure older children know how to assist with obstacles like removing window screens.
- Name a safe place outdoors for everyone to go.
- Ensure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. These devices will alert you to give your family precious, but limited time needed to escape. Redwire recommends checking the batteries for detectors at least twice a year.



For more tips and to read the American Red Cross' answers to frequently asked questions about home fires, [click here](#).

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