





Risk Situations at Home





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EXERCISE 1

- The objective is to learn about prevent risk situations at home:
 - Prevention of fires
 - How to plan an escape
 - Electrical safety
 - Hazardous materials
 - Slip and falls safety.
- Read this entire document.
- If you have questions, put them on the platform to your trainer.



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The Importance of Safety Home

Learn and follow important safety tips to help keep yourself and others as safe as possible at all times at your house.

- More serious injuries happen at home.
- You should have a home escape plan and practice it.





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Fire Safety – Preventions Actions

Dangers of fire: Take steps to make sure that you are prepared if such a situation occurs.

- Install smoke detectors in appropriate areas of the home (kitchen, garage, bedrooms), on each level of your home.
- Test smoke detectors regularly and change batteries (set the clock forward and back each spring and fall).
- Place at least one fire extinguishers in your home (kitchen) and ensure that household members know how to use them.
- Contact your local Firefighters Unit, to help you to make a fire evacuation plan and be sure that everyone in your

household knows it;

practice it.

- If you have a two- or three-story home, be sure that portable fire escape ladders are accessible.
- Make sure your street address is clearly visible from the street.



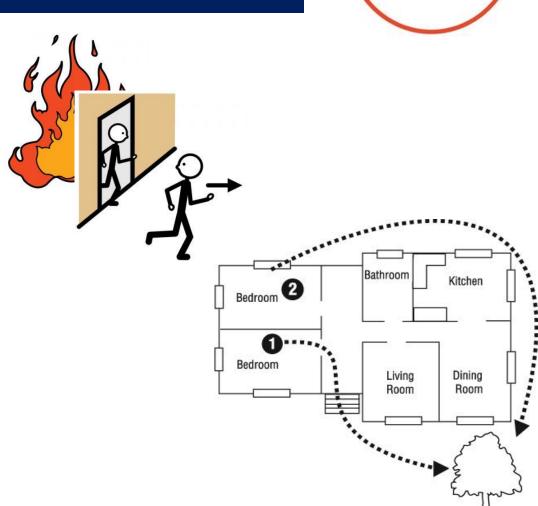


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Home Escape Plan

- ► Follow the escape plan that you made with the help of the firefighters
- Don't stop—just get out!
- Move quickly but calmly.
- Don't open hot door.
- Stay as low as possible for not breathing smoke.
- ► Call to emergency number from outside, telling that there's a fire and the address.
- Go to meeting/safe place outside.





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Fire Prevention – other tips

- ▶ Do not leave the stove, oven, iron, grill or other similar items turned on unattended.
- Do not place space heaters or candles near fabric, bedding, or anything flammable.
- Only use space heaters in areas that are properly ventilated.
- ▶ Before each season verify if the heating system and fireplace are safe to turn on.
- ▶ If you live in an apartment with elevator, don't use it, choose the stairs



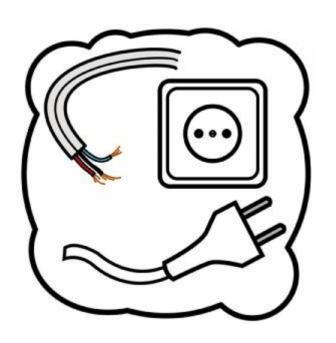


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Electrical Safety

- ► Check the state of cords/plugs routinely.
- ▶ Do not exceed recommended wattage. Don't overload outlets.
- ► Have all of the outlets used by your appliances grounded.
- Place covers over electrical outlets that are not in use.
- ► Keep power cords away from water, do not place them under rugs or coiled in use.
- Don't use faulty appliances.





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Hazardous Materials

- Always read labels.
- Keep hazardous materials tightly sealed.
- Use caution with flammable substances.
- ▶ Never mix household cleaning products.
- ▶ Do not remove chemical solutions from their original containers.
- ▶ Do not store chemicals in the same areas where food, beverages or medicine is stored. Store chemicals in a specific and a secure area.
- ► Keep the poison control phone number handy.





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Slip and Fall Safety

- Proper lighting in each room.
- Stairway handrails well firmly affixed to the wall.
- Bathroom Install grab bars (if needed) and use bath mats.
- ▶ Rugs well firmly fixed to the floor, or removed when don't make need.
- ▶ When the floor are wet, closed the doors.
- Periodically check the shoulder pads.
- ▶ When you walk through the rooms, turn on the lights.
- ▶ Avoid leaving electrical cords, or other objects, in areas where people walk.





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Other Safety Tips

- ► Gas exposure If your home uses natural gas, be sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors stored.
- ▶ Medication Do not store medications in the same areas as food .
- ► Furniture Ensure bookshelves and other tall potentially tipping furniture pieces are well fixed to the wall.
- ▶ Do not hide keys to your home (in potted plants, under the entrance rug or any other areas outside your home).
- Do not open the door to strange persons
- Keep the doors and windows closed and locked when you are not at home.

