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Fire Prevention Week: State Fire Marshal Encourages Ohioans to Develop, Practice Home Escape Plan

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — [Fire Prevention Week](#) is Oct. 6-12 and State Fire Marshal Jeff Hussey encourages Ohioans to develop and practice a home fire escape plan in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association's campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"

The campaign aims to highlight the small but important actions everyone can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

"With a maximum of two minutes to escape in the event of a fire, the little details matter," said State Fire Marshal Jeff Hussey. "Try making small changes that can make a life-changing impact, like keeping clutter and furniture away from doors and actually practicing how quickly you can escape your home."

Marshal Hussey and the National Fire Protection Association offer these tips:

Home Fire Escape Tips

- Know at least two ways out of every room.
- Develop and practice both primary and secondary escape routes, both during the day and at night.
- Check to make sure all windows open easily and never block windows with furniture or clutter.
- Plan to assist family members who may be unable to escape on their own.
- Establish an outside meeting place safely away from the home.
- Crawl on the floor or stoop low to avoid smoke.
- Exit quickly and calmly. Get out and stay out!

Families can make creating their home fire escape plan quick and easy by downloading [this template](#) and familiarizing themselves with many common ["hidden hazards" around the home](#).

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