



Fire Safety Planning for Guests and Babysitters

Guests:

- Make sure to explain your family fire escape plan, including the location of the designated outside meeting place, to overnight guests.
- Show guests the two escape routes from the room in which they will be staying, as well as the location of fire safety equipment like escape ladders and fire extinguishers.
- Ask your overnight guests whether they will require any special assistance to escape.
- Make sure your guests know the address of your home so that they will be able to call 911 once safely out of the house.
- If you host a children's "sleep over" party, make sure to show them the two escape routes from the room in which they will be staying.
- Consider having your young "sleep over" party guests sleep on the main floor of your home rather than a higher floor so that one of the designated escape routes does not require use of an escape ladder.
- Take note of the number of children "sleeping over" and their names, so that you will know if everyone has escaped from the house.
- If your child will be "sleeping over" at a friends' house, make sure to ask about their fire escape plan and then explain it to your child.

Babysitters:

- Make sure to explain your family fire escape plan, including the location of the designated outside meeting place, to your babysitter.
- Be sure to tell the babysitter if any of your children will not be awakened by the sound of the fire alarm.
- Discuss which of the children will need assistance to escape safely. The babysitter should be prepared to assist infants, small children and others requiring assistance.
- Make sure the babysitter knows the address of your home so that he/she will be able to call 911 once everyone is safely out of the house.