



Annie and her family make
a home fire escape plan.

A photograph of a young girl with dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue dress with a pink floral pattern and a large pink flower in her hair. She is sitting on a yellow wooden chair outdoors. The background shows a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a building.

Annie Makes a Plan

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Annie and her brother Sam looked outside.

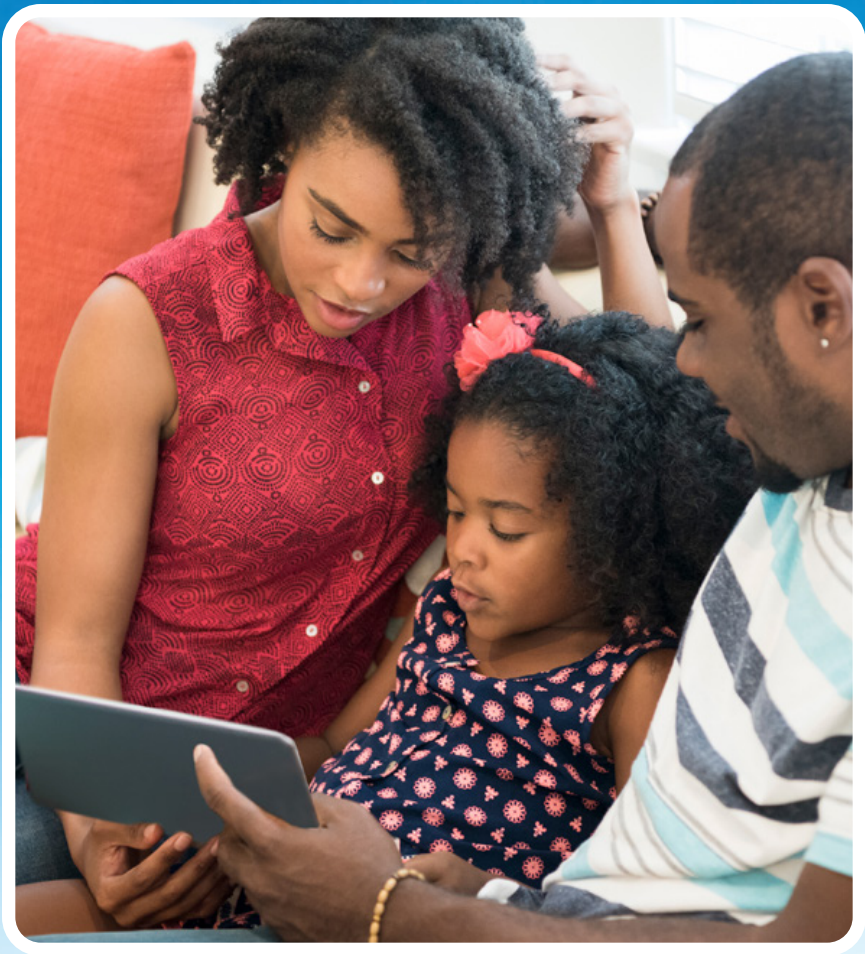
They saw the family next door meet at the mailbox in front of their house.

"Look, Sam," Annie said. "They are **practicing** their home fire **escape** plan."



“What’s a home fire escape plan?”
asked Sam.

“It’s how we plan what we will do
in an **emergency**,” Dad said.



“We should make a plan,” Annie said.

“I like the sound of that,” said Mom.

Annie and her parents looked at a website to learn how to make a home fire escape plan.



"We need to make sure every room has two ways out; one can be a door and the other way out can be a window," said Annie.

"Sounds good," Sam said.



"Do we have **smoke alarms**?" Annie asked.

"Yes," said Dad.

Mom tested all the smoke alarms in the house. The smoke alarms made a loud Beep, Beep, Beep sound.



Dad asked, "If a smoke alarm sounds, what should you do?"

"Stop what you are doing and get outside right away," said Sam.



"We also need a place to meet outside in the front of the house," said Annie.

"Our big tree!" they all agreed.

Annie drew a big tree on the map.



The next day, Annie's family practiced the plan.

Dad **pressed** the smoke alarm's test **button**.

Mom, Dad, Annie, and Sam quickly went out the front door.



They all met at their outside meeting place—the big tree in front of their house.

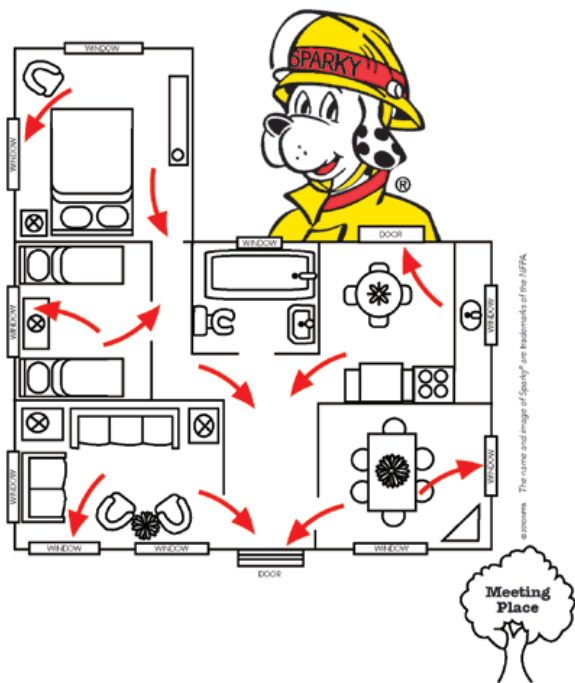
“We did it,” said Dad.

“It feels good that we all know what to do,” said Annie.

“Thanks for helping us make a home fire escape plan, Annie,” said Sam.



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Words to Look For:

practicing
emergency
smoke alarms

button
escape
pressed

Here's How To Make Your Own Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home.
- Find two ways out of every room.
- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms.
- Pick a meeting place outside in front of your home.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Practice your home fire escape drill at least twice a year.
- Visit sparky.org/videos to watch a video on how to make a home fire escape plan.

To Learn More About Fire Safety

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