

## *Tips On Fire Emergencies*

*Following is a step-by-step guide for home fire escape planning:*

- Draw a floor plan of your home that shows all rooms, windows, doors, halls, and stairwells of the building. Make sure all rooms, especially bedrooms, have at least two exits. Draw arrows on your plan to indicate normal exits. Mark emergency escape routes with lighter arrows. These emergency exits are to be used when normal exits are blocked.*
- Test your escape routes. Make sure windows can be opened easily and that screens and storm windows can be removed from the inside. If you live on the second or third floor, get yourself some folding escape ladders.*
- To account for everyone's safety, select and list on your plan a definite meeting place outside the house. Assign someone to assist infants, elderly and handicapped family members.*
- Be prepared to call the fire department by dialing 911 and/or pull the fire alarm handle located on every floor. If you call, the dispatcher will need to know your name, address, phone number and type of emergency. Be sure to wait on the phone until the dispatcher has all the necessary information.*
- Hold fire drills in your home periodically. Have all family members participate. This will test the practicality of your plan and give you a chance to practice escaping.*

*Instituting a home fire escape plan is one of the most important actions that you can take to protect your life.*

## *Information on Fire Escape*

- Before opening any door on the way out, feel it. If the door is hot – do not open it! Use an alternate exit.*
- If windows in upper floors can't serve as alternate exits, open a window and shout for help.*
- A properly installed and maintained smoke detector in every room should provide enough warning to enable you to safely leave your home, even if there is no alternate exit available.*
- In a smoke filled area, the cool air is down low. Practice your escape plan by crawling on your hands and knees.*
- If there is anyone in your home not able to evacuate without assistance, assign someone to assist.*