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Exit Drills In The Home - E.D.I.T.H.

The following information will assist you in surviving a fire in your home.

- Be prepared through regular home fire drills to use emergency exit routes instinctively.
- Installation of an approved and working smoke alarm.
- Have two exits/routes from each bedroom.
- Have a safe meeting place.
- Use a neighbors phone to call 9-1-1.
- Hold regular home fire drills like your children do at school.

Temperatures of 1000 degrees are common in home fires. But most deaths are a result of deadly smoke & gases that precede these fatal hot temperatures.

- It is recommended that you sleep with your bedroom door closed and install an additional smoke detector in the bedroom.
- Drop to the floor to get available fresh air. Try to crawl to a safe exit.
- Before opening a door, feel it (with the back of your hand) first! **If it is hot, Don't Open It!**
- Keep the door closed and use another exit such as a window.
- An emergency release must be provided on the inside of bedroom windows.
- If trapped in a room: 1) Keep the door closed, 2) Stay low to the floor, 3) Wait by a window, 4) Don't hide under beds or in closets, 5) Seal bottom of door with blankets or clothing to keep smoke out!

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