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Public Service Announcement

The Importance of an Evacuation Plan

EL PASO, Texas –Fire and smoke can spread rapidly through a home or business, leaving occupants with little time to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. An evacuation plan is necessary to exit the building safely. The El Paso Fire Department recommends the following tips when setting up your evacuation plan:

- Walk through your home or business and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Draw a plan of the property marking two ways out.
- Make sure everyone understands the escape plan. Make sure all escape routes are clear, and doors and windows can be opened easily.
- If there are infants, older adults, or family members with limited mobility, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Have a backup person assigned as well.
- Choose an outside meeting place (another building, a light post, mailbox or stop sign) located at a safe distance from your property and mark the spot in your escape plan. This is the place where you will call 9-1-1.
- Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building.
- Share your evacuation plan with any guests at home. When staying overnight at other people's homes, ask about their escape plan. If they don't have a plan in place, offer to help them make one.
- When you are out in public – at a restaurant, theatre, arena, office building – or staying in a hotel, locate and familiarize yourself with the nearest exit.

To learn more about creating an escape plan, the public is encouraged to visit prevention.elpasofire.org. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates.

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