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Public Safety Department

Home Escape Plans

In 2011, there were an estimated **370,000** reported home structure fires and **2,520** associated civilian deaths in the United States.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke detectors and advance planning — a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

Facts and figures

- Only one-third of Americans have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely.
- One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

All this and more information can be found on the National Fire Protection Assoc. or NFPA web site:

<http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=393&URL=Research%20&%20Reports/Fact%20sheets/Escape%20planning>

For help with your Home Escape Plan Contact the fire station at 269-983-1442.