

E.D.I.T.H

(Exit Drills In The Home)

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

- ❑ Be prepared by conducting monthly home fire drills and identify emergency exits routes
- ❑ Installation of an approved smoke alarms in all rooms and hallways
- ❑ Have at least two exits from each bedroom
- ❑ Have a safe meeting place outside of the home and account for all persons
- ❑ Use a neighbor's phone to call 9-1-1
- ❑ **Once Out** of the residence **STAY OUT!**

Temperatures can reach well over 1000 degrees and common in house fires. But most deaths are a result of the deadly smoke and gases that precede these fatal hot temperatures.

- ❑ It is recommended that you sleep with your bedroom door closed and smoke detector should be installed in both the hallways and in the room
- ❑ Drop to the floor and stay low to get available fresh air. Crawl your way to a safe location.
- ❑ Be sure to check closed doors for heat. Use backside of 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 mechanism must be provided on all windows that contain bars
- ❑ If you become trapped in a room these steps are recommended:
 1. Keep the door closed, opening door will decrease your chance of survival
 2. Stay low to the floor, smoke rises and fresher air is lower to the ground
 3. Wait by the window, and identify your distress
 4. Don't hide under beds or in closets
 5. Seal the bottom of the door with blankets or clothing to keep smoke out
- ❑ If your clothes were to catch fire, be prepared to **STOP, DROP, AND ROLL** remembering to cover your face with hands whenever possible.

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