

## SAMPLE FLOOR PLAN—A *Blueprint to Save Your Life*


### SYMBOLS TO BE USED

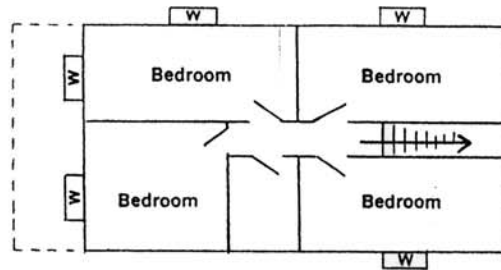
Normal Exit Route:  
BLACK arrow

Emergency Exit Route:  
RED arrow

Doors: 

Porches: 

Windows: 



### Write "YES" or "NO" concerning your own bedroom:

1. Are there two ways to escape? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you reach the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Can you get out the window? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Can you open the storm window? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Can you close the door to fire? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is there a porch to climb on? \_\_\_\_\_

### ESCAPE RULES

- Keep calm. When in doubt, don't panic.
- If you smell smoke, arouse the family with the emergency signal.
- Close doors against smoke and heat.
- If your door IS closed, test it before you open it by feeling near the top. If the door is hot, use your emergency exit.
- If your room is filled with smoke, keep down close to the floor where you can breathe more easily.
- Never re-enter a burning building.
- Assemble at the predetermined meeting place outside and then notify firemen.

For Emergency Use—BEFORE IT HAPPENS

# Operation EDITH

EDITH stands for Exit Drills In The Home

It trains families to escape from fires.

### The ABC's of the need for EDITH:

- A. An average of 800 fires strikes residential buildings each day in the United States. More than 10,000 persons die each year from fire—more than half of them children and old people. The majority of these deaths are in home fires.
- B. Although fire drills are required by schools, hospitals and many places of employment, they are neglected in the American home.
- C. It is proved that exit drills reduce chances of panic and injury in fires and that trained and informed people have a much better chance to survive fires.

### What will YOU do if Fire Strikes?

#### Plan Ahead! Here's How:

Call your family together and appoint a "fire chief." When the father is home, he's the chief; otherwise the mother, a teen-aged son or daughter; even the baby sitter.

The "chief" stresses that all doors should be closed at night. It takes fire 10 to 15 minutes to burn through a wooden door.

Next, your family visits each bedroom and figures out two escape routes—one the normal exit, the other a different door, or a window.

Plan how each member of your family can reach the ground using the emergency route.

Next, decide on a meeting place outside the house.

Then, make a floor diagram of each floor. Mark the regular and emergency escape routes, as well as the location of windows, doors, stairs, halls. Put copies of this diagram in places where they will be a constant reminder.

#### Help EDITH Save Your Life:

Once every member of your family knows the basic formula for survival in a home fire, practice Operation EDITH. Here's how:

Before the family "fire chief" gives a predetermined emergency signal, all members of your family are to be in their respective rooms.

The "chief" gives the signal.

A member of your family repeats the alarm.

Members of your family then close the doors between their rooms and the main exit.

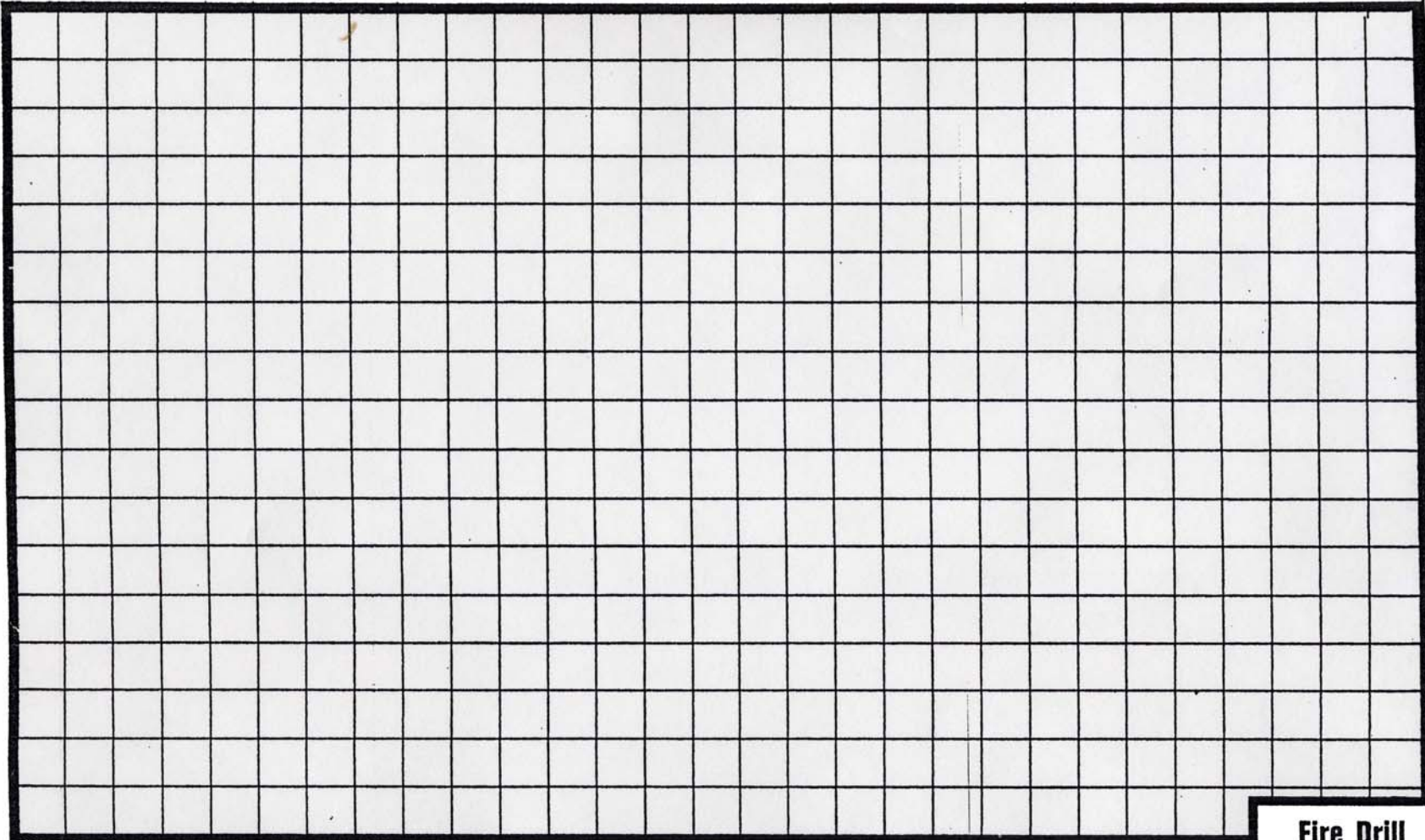
Each member checks his emergency exit.

Whenever possible, members of your family evacuate. Time the evacuation—it will improve with practice.

After the evacuation, your "fire chief" reassembles the family. He stresses the value of keeping calm, closing doors and testing doors to closed rooms for heat before opening them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# FAMILY'S NIGHTTIME FIRE ESCAPE FLOOR PLAN



## FIRE ESCAPE INFORMATION

How to sound family fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_

Outside meeting place \_\_\_\_\_

Special Assignment:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ notifies Fire Department by phone

— using neighbor's phone (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department phone number \_\_\_\_\_

OR — use street alarm box (location) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Duties (help elderly, raise outside ladder, etc.):

Duty \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Duty \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post for permanent reference (on back of hall or closet door, etc.)

## Fire Drill Schedule

(every 6 months)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_