

# Operation EDITH

What is Operation EDITH?  
EDITH stands for **Exit Drills In The Home**.



**Exit Drills In The Home** can help people to prepare for an emergency. Most home fires begin between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. This is a time when most people are least prepared. In the middle of the night, fire can be a disaster if you and your family are not familiar with how to escape during an emergency.

So, to protect yourself and your family, remember these tips:

- Prepare a fire escape plan.
  - Install and maintain smoke detectors.
  - Practice **Exit Drills In The Home** regularly.
  - Examine your home for fire hazards and take steps to prevent a fire before it occurs.
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- How would you and your family get out of your home if there were a fire?
  - How would they escape from the second or third floor?
  - What would you do after everyone is out of the house?

Everyone needs to know two ways out of every room in your home.

## **Here's how to do your own Operation EDITH Plan:**

1. First you must have a plan. Every member of your family must be involved in developing your own Operation EDITH Plan.
2. Appoint a Fire Chief. The Fire Chief can be your father, mother, teen-aged brother or sister, or even the babysitter.
3. The family visits each bedroom and picks 2 WAYS OUT- one the normal way out and the emergency route, through a different door or window.
4. Plan how each member of the family can reach the ground using the emergency route.
5. Decide on a meeting place outside the house such as near the mailbox or driveway.
6. Draw a picture of each floor in your home. Show where the rooms, doors, windows, and halls are. Then color the regular escape routes black and the emergency routes red. Copies should be placed where everyone can see them and be reminded of what to do in a fire emergency.

**"Practice your Operation EDITH plan."**