

# FAMILY ESCAPE PLAN

## Practice to be prepared

***Making a plan and holding regular escape drills could help save your life or the life of a family member or pet. Practice during the day and at night!***

**During a Fire:** Children don't always wake up when a smoke alarm is triggered. If you have a person in your home who is deaf or hard of hearing, be certain to get an alarm designed for disabilities.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Nearly one-third of all fire fatalities are caused by smoking-related fires. If you or a family member smokes, install a smoke alarm near where they fall asleep and keep a heavy ashtray that won't tip over.

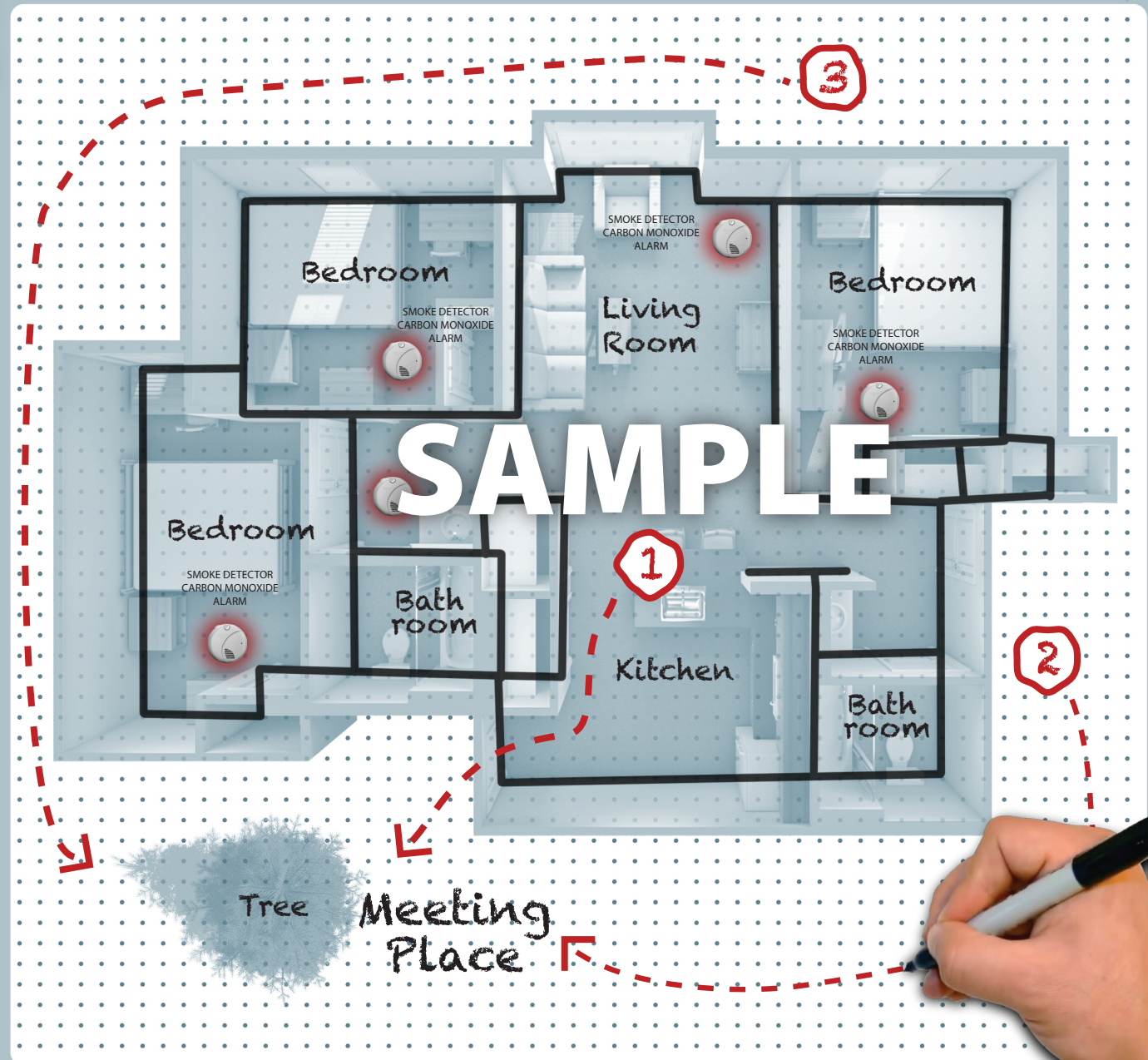
**During an Earthquake:** NEVER run. Drop, cover, and hold on until the shaking stops.

**YOUR PLEDGE:** We will practice our escape plan at least twice a year!

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## The best way to survive is to have a plan!

In the event of a disaster, you and your family may need to leave your house in a hurry. By creating a family escape plan — and practicing it, you give your loved ones a better chance of surviving a disaster. To learn more about making your plan, here are some tips!



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## Our Safe Meeting Place Is:

Everyone knows: **NEVER GO BACK INTO THE HOUSE ONCE WE'VE LEFT!**

Our local fire station is: #

Fire Station Phone #

A Neighbor we can contact is:

Neighbor's Phone #

## Making your plan - *a quick how-to...*

1. Draw a layout of each floor on the grid including windows, doors, and stairways. Do you know all of the possible exits?
2. Put a "S" where each smoke alarm should go on your escape plan and check them once a month. Smoke alarms should be placed inside and outside of every sleeping area.

*REMEMBER: Replace your smoke alarms if they are more than ten years old.*

3. Pick a safe meeting place away from the house, like a neighbor's house or a park down the street. Mark that spot on the plan and make sure everyone knows to meet there.
4. Put family members in charge of getting children, older adults, and pets out of the house. If you can't find them quickly, don't search for them. Get out, tell the firefighters, and they will rescue any humans or animals left in the building.

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You may think you know how to get out of your home in an emergency, but do you have a plan for your pets if you can't get out on the first floor? Do your kids know how to get out if they're home with a babysitter? What if your elderly aunt is visiting? Don't wait until disaster strikes to find out that you aren't prepared.

