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Dear Family:
Fire can spread through your home at lightning speed. When the smoke alarm sounds, you may have only seconds to escape safely.
That's why it is so important that families develop a home fire escape plan. But it isn't enough just to have a plan—you need to practice it regularly so that in the event of a fire everyone knows exactly what to do.
Did you know, home fires accounted for about 80% of all fire deaths; that means, 2,580 people died from home fires.
That's why Hillsboro Firefighters are encouraging you to make and practice your home fire escape plan. We hope you will join in this important safety exercise. **A HOME FIRE IS NOT THE TIME TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET OUT!**
Home fire can be deadly, but by using these safety tips, you'll be helping to make your family safer.

Sincerely,

Hillsboro Firefighters



Home Fire Escape Checklist

- Have you drawn a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors?
- Have you picked an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped?
- Has someone been assigned to help infants, young children, older adults or family members needing help in an emergency?
- Have you practiced your escape plan at least twice a year and at least once at night?
- Are escape routes clear and do doors and windows open easily?
- Are smoke alarms installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home?
- Are smoke alarms tested at least once a month?
- Pick and mark on your plan a family meeting place outside.

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