

## WHY E.D.I.T.H.? ...REMEMBER THIS

- Most fatal home fires happen between midnight and 8 a.m. when most people are asleep.
- Toxic gases and heat, which can reach over 1000° F, rise and can travel far ahead of the actual flames.
- When your smoke detector sounds, you may have less than 2 1/2 minutes to get out.
- Without an escape plan you have practiced, you may not make it.
- If you don't have a smoke detector, you risk never waking up.



Roll out of bed. DON'T SIT UP.



Keeping low, crawl out to your family.



Test the door with the back of your hand for heat. If it is hot, DO NOT OPEN.



ALWAYS stay low below the smoke.



Should the fire have blocked your normal escape route, use your emergency exit.



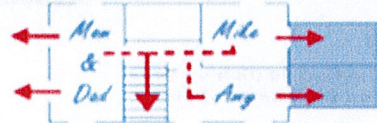
Once outside, go to your family meeting place. Call for help from a safe place. Once you are out, STAY OUT!

## E.D.I.T.H. step-by-step

### 1 - PLANNING YOUR ESCAPE

#### A. THE FLOOR PLAN.

- Draw an outline of your home or apartment. Make a drawing for each floor where people sleep. Dimensions don't need to be exact.
- Now add each bedroom and label it. Show important details: stairs, hallways, roofs that could be used as a fire escape.
- Choose a family meeting place and show it on the plan.



Meeting Place X

#### B. INSPECTION TIME!

- Check each bedroom for the best window or door for an emergency escape.
- Test windows - make sure they open easily and are large enough and low enough. Ask yourself: can children open them?
- While you're at it, check your smoke detector. If you don't have one, get one.

#### C. FINISH YOUR ESCAPE PLAN.

- Use blue or black arrows to show the normal way out, such as the stairs or hall.
- Use different colored arrows to show emergency exits in case fire blocks your normal route.