

Home fire

ACTION CHECKLIST

Get out, stay out and call emergency services from outside. Use the nearest safe exit, stay low beneath smoke, and close doors behind you if possible. Do not stop for belongings or go back inside for people or pets; tell firefighters where they may be.

[] Leave immediately

Follow the escape route and use stairs, not elevators. Check doors for heat before opening; use another exit if unsafe.

[] If the exit is blocked

Close doors between you and fire, call emergency services with your location and signal from a window.

[] Meet outside

Account for everyone at the meeting point and report missing people to firefighters.

[] Stay outside

Do not reenter until the fire department permits it.

WATCH FOR

An extinguisher attempt must never delay escape or block your exit.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Escape immediately, gather outside and keep the exit area clear. If trapped, close the door between you and smoke, signal from a window and send your exact location if possible. Do not reenter because the fire seems quiet or because firefighters have not arrived.

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Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/home-fire/>

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