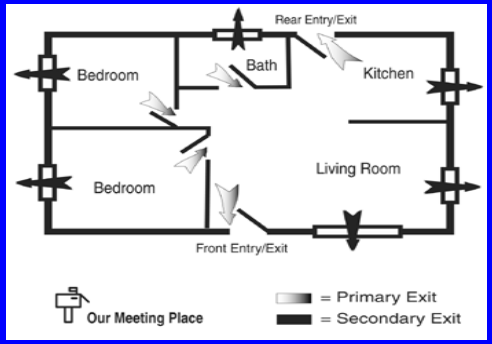

An escape plan is your best defense against fire. Plan now for the safety of you and your family!

How prepared are you?

You should be able to respond "yes" to the following:

	YES	NO
1. Do you have an escape plan?	☐	☐
2. Is it practiced regularly?	☐	☐
3. The escape plan includes a "safe place".	☐	☐
4. Are there two ways out of every room?	☐	☐
5. The 9-1-1 emergency number is posted on every telephone.	☐	☐

Plan Recommendations

* Establish and practice a home fire escape plan. Include all family members.
* Install and maintain smoke alarms (one in each bedroom or sleeping area, and on each level outside of the sleeping areas).
* Teach your children the proper use of the 9-1-1 emergency system.

The life you save may be your own!

If you have questions or need additional information about free smoke alarms for low income, elderly or physically challenged individuals, please call:

Portland Fire & Rescue

(503)823-3700

"Your Safety Is Your Responsibility"

HOME FIRE Checklist

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Always Ready, Always There

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Early Warning and Escape

Along with the check list, you must have an escape plan in place.

Many deaths and injuries are caused by smoke and gases.

Survival depends upon being warned as early as possible and having an escape plan.

You should be able to respond "yes" to the following statements:

SMOKE ALARMS	YES	NO
1. Smoke alarms are installed on every floor of my home.	☐	☐
2. Smoke alarms are placed in and near each bedroom, either on the ceiling or 4"-12" below the ceiling on the wall.	☐	☐
3. Smoke alarms are tested according to manufacturer's instructions regularly and batteries are replaced when needed.	☐	☐
4. Batteries are not removed.	☐	☐
5. The alarm can be heard whether asleep or awake.	☐	☐

Test Your Smoke Alarm Monthly!

(follow manufacturer's directions for testing the alarm)

Install alarms on every level of your home outside of each sleeping area and in each bedroom. With bedroom doors closed, adding an alarm in each bedroom will provide extra protection.

- **Make sure alarms are on the ceiling or 4-12 inches below the ceiling on the wall. Locate them away from air vents or registers; high air flow or "dead spots" are to be avoided.**

- **Change your regular batteries each year, unless they are the long life battery, in which case our recommendation is to replace the entire smoke alarm.**

Smoke Alarm Recommendations

⇒ Purchase a smoke alarm if you do not have one. Smoke alarms are inexpensive and are required by law in many localities. Check local codes and regulations before you buy your smoke alarm. Some codes require specific types of alarms. They provide an early warning, which is critical because the longer the delay, the deadlier the consequences.

⇒ Read the manufacturer's instructions that come with the alarm for advice on the best place to install it. Install one alarm on each level of the house, one outside the sleeping areas, and one in each bedroom.

⇒ Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper maintenance. Smoke alarms can save lives, but only if properly installed and maintained.

⇒ Never disconnect an alarm. Relocate the alarm rather than disconnecting it, if it is subject to nuisance alarms.

⇒ Replace batteries promptly.

⇒ Follow the manufacturer's instructions about cleaning your alarm. Excessive dust, grease, or other material in the detector may cause it to operate abnormally. Vacuum the grillwork of your alarm.