

## Hurononia



### EVERY SECOND COUNTS: PLAN TWO WAYS OUT!



Fire prevention week runs from October 8-14, 2017. This year's theme is "every second counts: plan 2 ways out!". Fire protection agencies are bringing awareness and reinforcing the importance of fire escape planning for individuals and families in both [single family dwellings](#) and [high rise units](#).

Because smoke and fire spread so quickly, there is not always time to figure out HOW to escape once a fire has started. And while a working smoke alarm is an important alert to danger, knowing what to do when a fire starts is also important. We encourage you to develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in the household BEFORE there is a fire.

[Click here for a downloadable escape plan outline.](#)

Here are some helpful tips to assist you in developing and executing your own Fire Safety Escape Plan:

1. Draw a map of your home and include all windows and doors. Often, people don't think of a window as a potential escape route. Also include a path from each escape route to the designated outside meeting point. [Click here to download an escape plan outline.](#)
2. Find two ways out of every room. Go to each room in your home and point to the two ways out. It is important to plan at least two ways out of every room in case fire or smoke is blocking one way out.
3. Make sure you can use all your ways out, and test all possible ways out. Ensure that all windows and doors can be opened easily from the inside. This includes barred doors and windows. Choose security bars that have easy to-use quick-release devices. Make sure everyone in the home can open them.

4. Make sure your doors and windows are not blocked. Remove anything that could stop you from getting out. Clearing the areas will allow for a quick escape.
5. **Choose a meeting place** outside, in front of your home. And ensure that it is a safe distance away from your home. The meeting place should be something that will not move, such as a tree or a light pole. [Click here for more information about escape plans.](#)
6. Go over your plan with everyone in your home. It is also important to talk about your plan with long-term or overnight guests.
7. Make sure your plan includes details about assisting anyone who needs help getting outside. There might be special considerations to be made for a young child, an older adult, or a person with a disability. Assign someone to help them get outside.
8. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
9. Test your smoke alarms to be sure they are working. Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm. Test them monthly to make sure they work and install new batteries every year or more frequently as required. Better yet, install a monitored smoke alarm that will automatically transmit a fire condition from your home to our [24 hour ULC Listed monitoring station](#). We also recommended installing smoke alarms with a 10 year battery.
10. Lastly, practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one drill at night and one drill during the daytime with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.

Huronia has a full line of fire protection and suppression products that provide proactive solutions to help protect your family, employees and possessions.

[Click here to read more about fire safety maintenance tips](#), and [click here to learn more about carbon monoxide detectors](#).

From fire sensors and monitoring to complete fire suppression systems for commercial kitchens, computer rooms and paint booths, Huronia offers fire protection solutions that help protect both structures and people. [Contact us today](#) to talk about fire safety products and services for your home or business.

## ENTER TO WIN YOUR OWN FIRE SAFETY KIT!

In the spirit of "Plan Two Ways Out" we are giving away THREE Huronia Fire Safety Kits\* to THREE lucky enewsletter recipients! [Simply "click here" to send us your entry email and you will be eligible to win.](#) Draw will take place during Fire Prevention Week. The winners will be contacted by email.

\*Our Fire Safety Kit is valued at over \$100 and includes a fire safety escape ladder, sturdy duffel bag, medical kit and emergency blanket. Prize may not be substituted or converted to cash. Prize may be collected at our Collingwood, Midland or Huntsville office locations during regular hours of operation.

