Escape Plan

Panic is a major cause of fire deaths. Planning ahead, rehearsing, thinking, and acting clearly are keys to surviving a fire. How prepared are you?

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

1. The family has an escape plan and an alternate escape plan? Yes No
2. Escape routes and plans are rehearsed periodically? Yes No
3. The escape plan includes choosing a place safely outside the house where the family can meet to be sure everyone got out safely? Yes No
4. At least two exits from each part of the house are established? Yes No
5. The fire department and/or "911" number is posted on every telephone? Yes No

Recommendations...

- Establish advanced family child care planning for escape. It is an important partner with smoke detectors and it will prepare you for a fire emergency.
- Include small children as a part of the discussion and rehearsal. It is especially important to make sure they understand that they must escape; they can't hide from fire under a bed or in a closet.

Your life and that of your family/family child care children can be saved by foresight, planning, discussing, rehearsal and not panicking.