



Sooke Fire Rescue Service
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Dear Participant

To reduce your family's risk from fire, your local Fire Department encourages you to sit down with your entire family and develop a home escape plan. Use the grid provided and follow the steps below. Remember to practise your plan regularly to keep your family safe in the event of a fire.

- Draw a floor plan of your home marking all windows and doors.
- Plan two ways out of every room. The first way out would likely be the door: the second way out could be a window. Make sure all windows open easily. If you live in a multi-level building, use the stairs, never the elevator, in case of fire. It is important that you familiarize yourself with the fire safety plan for your building.
- Choose a meeting place for all family members outside the home and mark it with an X on your plan.
- Install working smoke alarms on every level of your home and near every sleeping area. For maximum protection also install smoke alarms in all bedrooms. Test your smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year or when your smoke alarm makes a chirping sound indicating that the batteries need replacing.
- Practise your home escape plan at least twice a year.
- Remember, once out, stay out! Once you are out of your home, call 911 or your local emergency number from the nearest outside phone.

Thank you for "Planning Your Escape!"

Sincerely,

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Did you know?

The Sooke Fire Rescue Service is approaching its 100th Anniversary. Volunteers have been protecting life and property in Sooke and our surrounding area for the last century. Today, the Sooke Fire Rescue Service responds to over 850 calls annually, and provides several services not known or taken on 100 years ago.

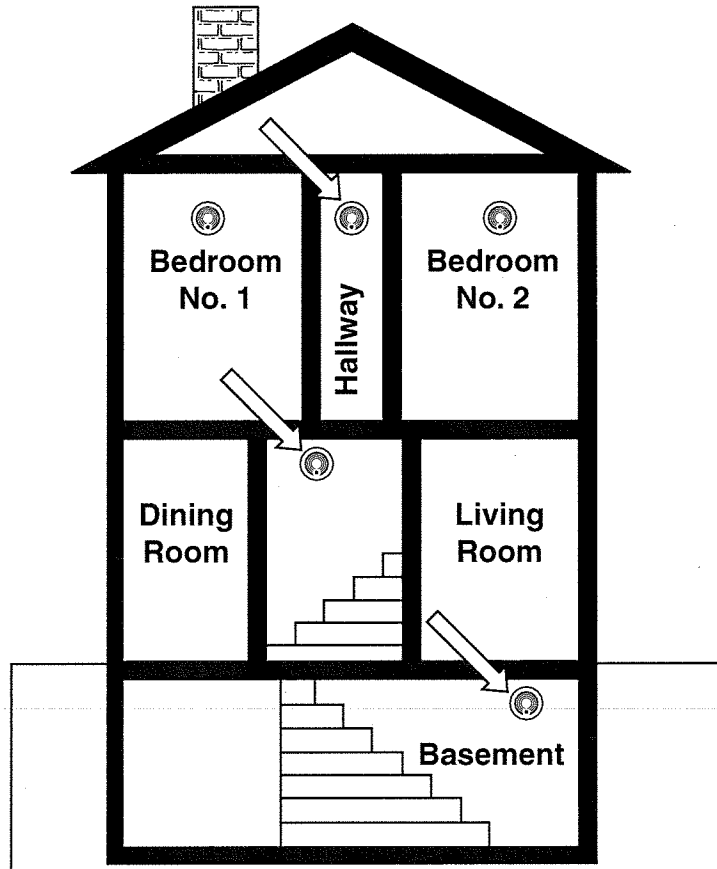
100 years ago firefighters just put out fires. Today, your Sooke firefighters are Hazardous Materials Technicians, Emergency Medical Responders, Rope Rescue Technicians, Confined Space Rescuers, Public Educators, as well as fully qualified firefighters. These committed men and women volunteer thousands of hours annually to the preservation of life, property, and environment.

There are currently 5 career members for the Sooke Fire Rescue Service. These members respond to all daytime emergencies in the District of Sooke during the most vulnerable hours of the day when all but a few volunteer firefighters are in Greater Victoria at their chosen careers. The career firefighter members also look after routine maintenance, training, inspections and all department administration. There are currently 29 volunteer firefighters. The Sooke Fire Rescue Service strives to have 45 active volunteer firefighters on roster. The Saseenos area of Sooke is in great need of committed, active, and enthusiastic volunteer firefighters.

If you've ever wanted to volunteer in your community, the Sooke Fire Rescue Service has an opportunity for you! We are always recruiting Public Educators, and Emergency Support Services Volunteers. We recruit firefighters annually.

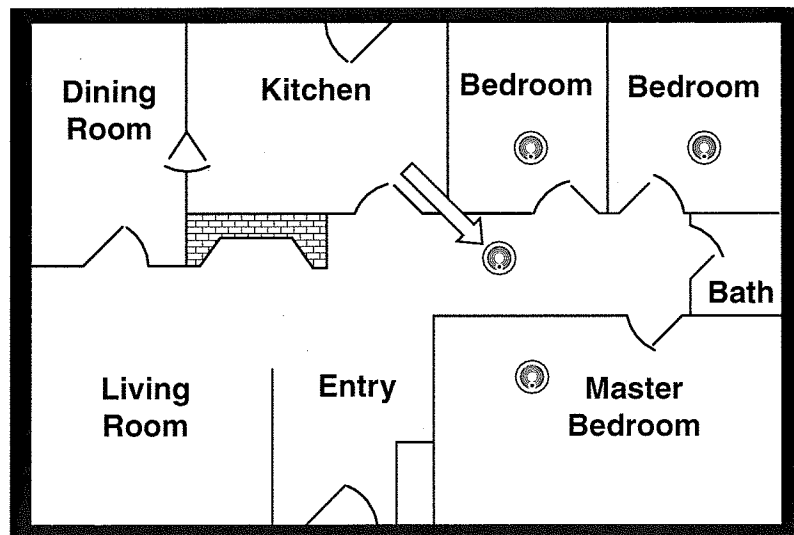
Smoke Alarm Locations Answer Key

A. Multi-Level Home

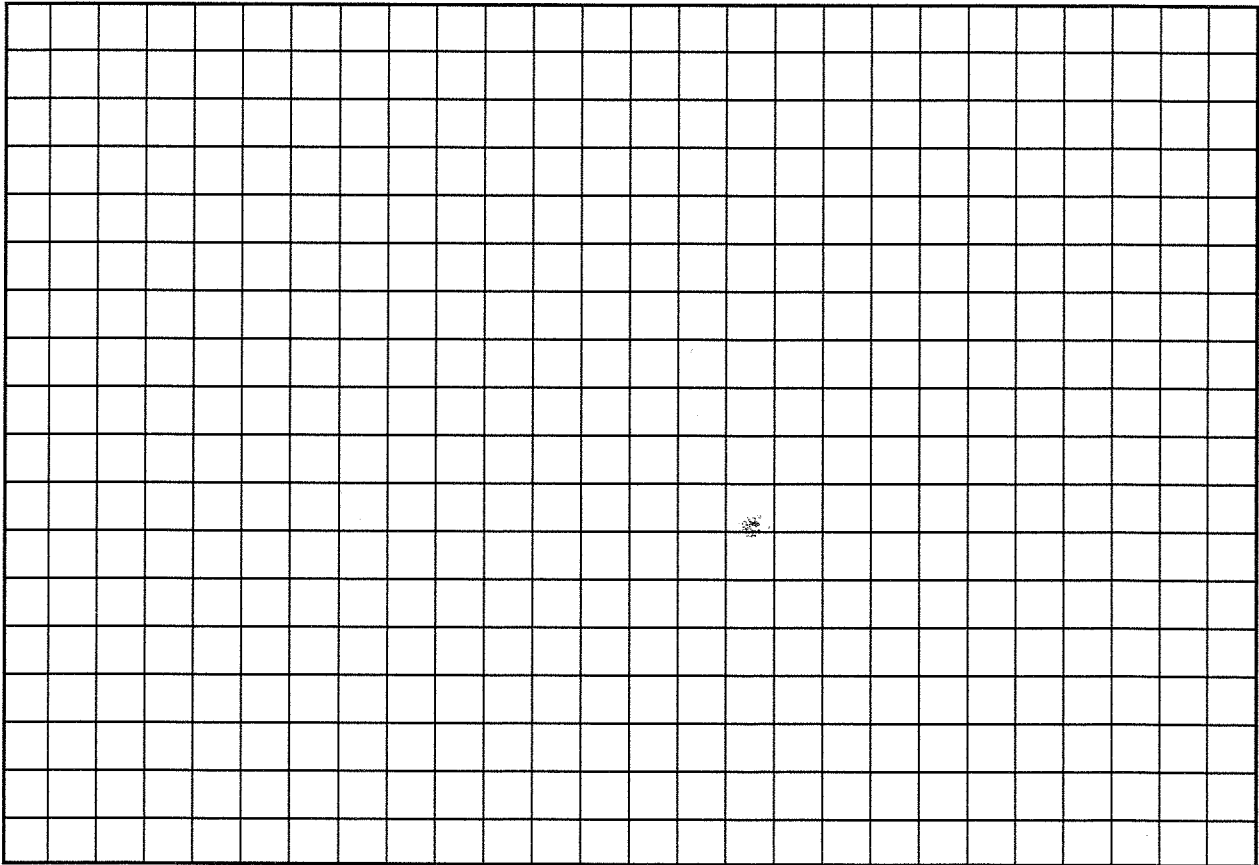
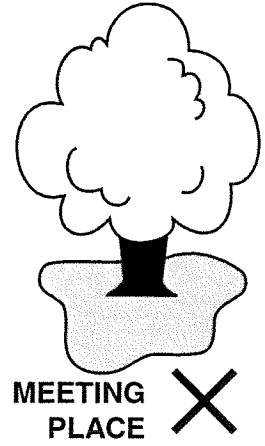
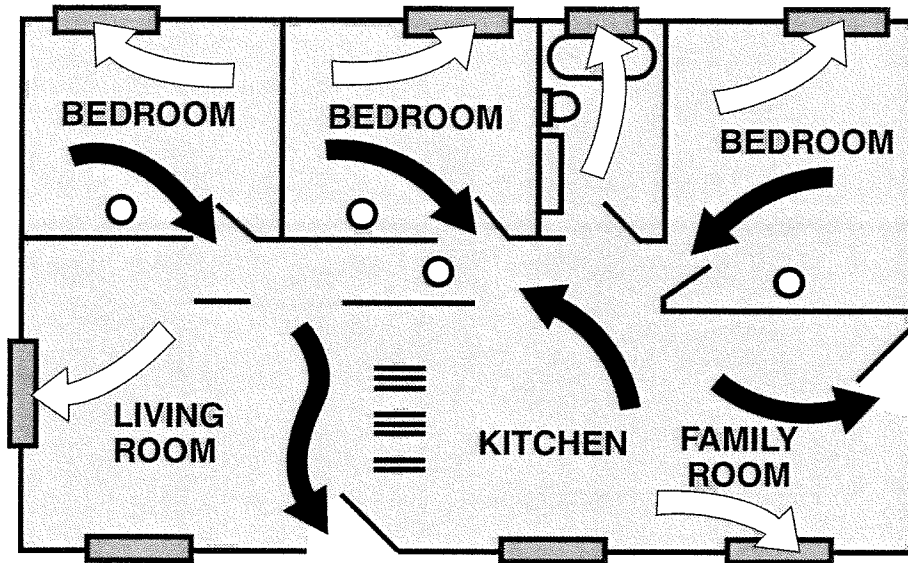


Smoke alarms should be placed on each level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For maximum protection smoke alarms should also be placed in the bedrooms.

B. Single Level Home



Family Escape Plan



PRACTISE AN ESCAPE PLAN