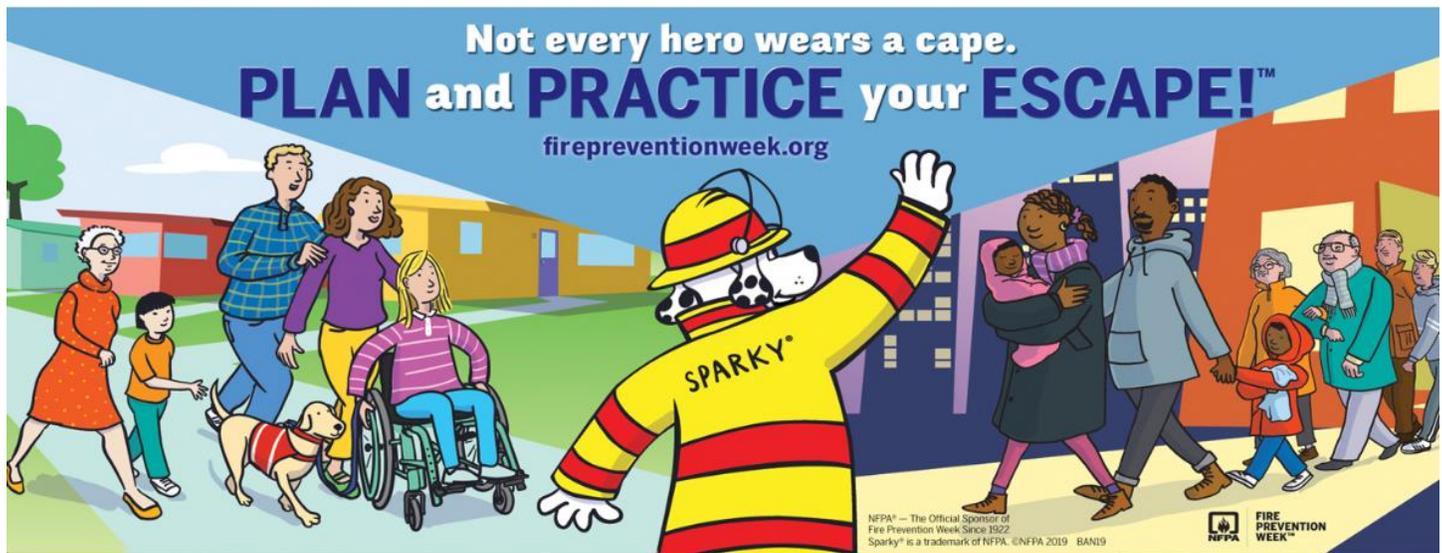




# Thomasville Fire Department



## Oct. **Fire and Life Safety Bulletin** 2019



This year's FPW campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

### **Did you know?**

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. **Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have**, giving everyone enough time to get out.

Plan ahead for your escape. [Make your home escape plan](#) and practice today.

### **Be a hero**

**How do you define a hero?** Is it...a person who is courageous and performs good deeds? Someone who comes to the aid of others, even at personal risk?

**A hero can be all of those things. A hero can also be...**someone who takes small, but important actions to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire. When it comes to fire safety, maybe you're already a hero in your household or community. If not, maybe you're feeling inspired to become one. It's easy to take that first step - [make your home escape plan!](#)

## About Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.



Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

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Be a Hero, Save a Hero<sup>®</sup> is the community risk reduction program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The goal of the program is to encourage the public to be pro-active in fire safety by raising awareness and increasing knowledge of smoke alarms, fire sprinklers and other general fire safety practices.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Everyone Goes Home program are pleased to offer the "Be a Hero, Save a Hero" App FREE for the public — with great fire safety content, special notifications and more. <https://www.beaherosaveahero.org/>



**"IT'S FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!"**  
This year I'm teaching everyone about the importance of planning and practicing your home fire escape plan. But I can't do it alone, I need your help. Work with your family and complete the fire escape checklist."



## ✓ **Fire Escape Checklist**

- Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?
- Is there a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area?
- Is there a smoke alarm on each level of the home, including the basement?
- Do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month? (Have a grown-up push the test button to check if the batteries work.)
- Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- How old are your smoke alarms? (If they're more than 10 years old, you need new ones.)
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- Do you know two ways out of each room in your home?
- Do you know what to do when you hear your smoke alarm? (Get out and stay out.)
- Are all the exits in your home clear of trash and toys?
- Has your family picked a meeting place outside the home where everyone can go when they've escaped a fire?
- Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- Do you and all family members practice your escape plan at least twice a year?

For more  
information visit  
[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)  
[sparky.org](http://sparky.org)



# How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan



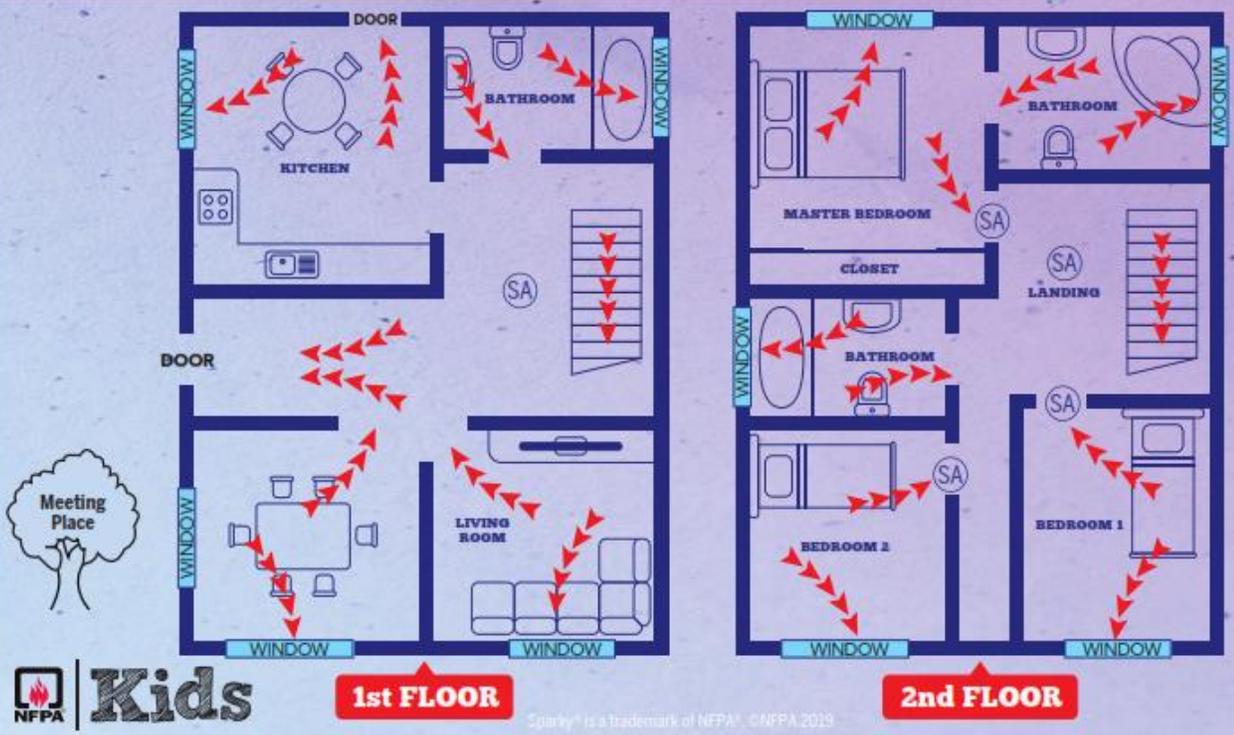
**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**

NFPA® — The Official Sponsor of Fire Prevention Week Since 1922

Visit [Sparky.org](http://Sparky.org) for more activities!

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

## Sample Escape Plan



**1st FLOOR**

**2nd FLOOR**

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# BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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## HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

### Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in **900** reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

# **SAFETY FEST 2019**



**Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Thomasville Funeral Home**

**18 Randolph St.**

**Tablet Raffle 6:30pm**

(must be present to win)

**Free Family Event**

**Come help Sparky and Friends Celebrate  
Smokey the Bear's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
with**

**Hot Dogs, Cake, Popcorn while supplies last**

**Displays**

**Emergency Vehicles, American Red Cross, Davidson County Health  
Department, Thomasville Recreation, Wadesboro FD – Inflatable Fire  
Safety House, NC Wildlife Commission, North Carolina Forest Service  
and**

**Much Much More.....**

