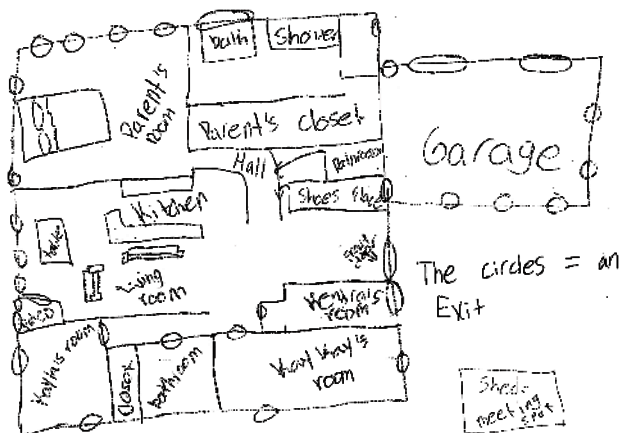




At **Accent Property Restoration**, we take you and your family's safety very seriously. Because of this, we would like to offer some tips and suggestions for keeping your home and family safe during Fire Safety Month. Please feel free to share this information with extended family, friends, co-workers and neighbors! Staying safe is fun, easy and something the whole family can participate in.

➤ **Change batteries in your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors** if they are battery operated and use the test button/feature to make sure both are still in proper working order. This should take just a few moments and is great to do in conjunction with setting your clocks back!

➤ **Make a map of your home** and indicate exit ways, exit routes, where fire extinguishers are located. If you live in an apartment, make sure to include where pull fire alarms are in the common hallways. This is a great exercise to do with your kids! Have them make the drawing, map the route and include an outside family meeting place so they are involved and invested in the plan. If you have a two-story home or live in a multi-level building, include fire escapes and rope ladder locations so everyone knows how to exit the building safely even if they cannot use the main doors. Below is our sample map:



➤ **Go over the simple steps of stop, drop and roll!**

This is an even better reminder for us as adults. Kids go over the drill in school all the time, but we don't get reminded as often. Make sure to practice this with your kids!

➤ **Check all fire extinguishers** to make sure they are still in good working order and familiarize yourself with how it works — *do you need to pull a pin? Squeeze a handle? How does it work?* Don't wait until you need to use it to figure it out; in a fire, every second counts and it is not the time to train yourself on how to use the equipment!

➤ **Refresh what to do in a grease fire!** Most people's first instinct is to try and dump the grease or throw water on it — DON'T do either of these they will only make the fire worse! Whenever you cook with grease you should always have the pot lid on the counter right next to where you are working so if the grease should flare up you need only grab the lid and drop it on, smothering the flames before they spread. If your pan doesn't have a lid, pull out your box of baking soda and have that at the ready. If the grease flares, you can pour some baking soda on it and the flames should extinguish. Never pick up the pot to move it — sloshing, flaming grease is how many serious burns occur! Always try to remain calm because when we panic we make mistakes.

➤ **Don't leave burning candles unattended.**

➤ **If you plan on sitting down or laying down for a minute, do not start cooking anything.** The potential for an accidental doze and having the food you were cooking start on fire is not only highly likely, but happens more often than anyone would think.

Be safe! Call Accent Property Restoration if you have water, wind or fire damaged property.