



Tasmania Fire Service

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**Protect what you value!**



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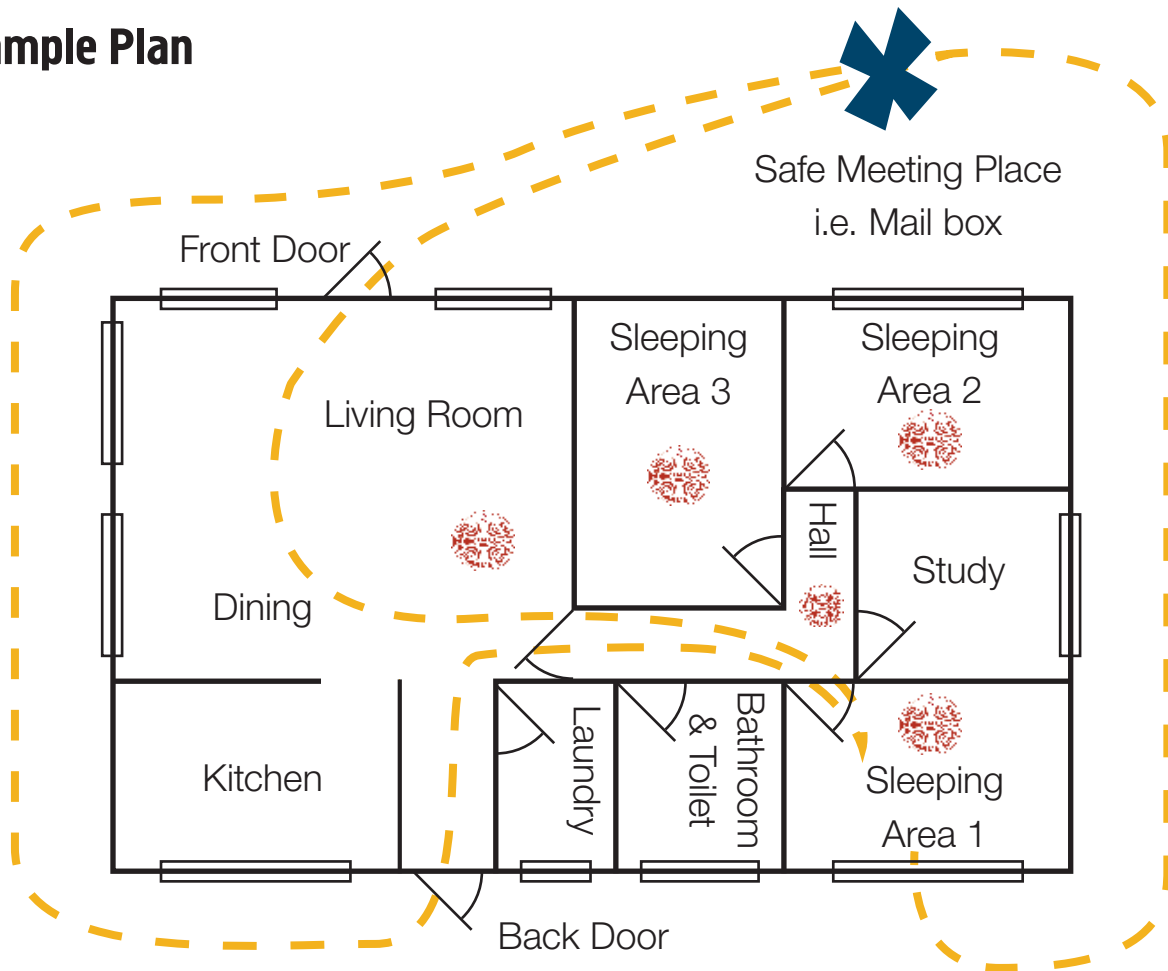
The sample opposite illustrates a possible plan. There is a tear-out gridded sheet provided in the back of this booklet for you to design your own escape plan.

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3. **Use windows** as an alternative means of escape.
4. **Cover** broken glass with a blanket or doona.
5. **Once out, stay out** at a safe, designated meeting place outside your home (e.g. next to your letterbox).
6. **If clothes catch fire** stop, put your hands over your face, gently drop to the ground and rock and roll on the ground until your clothes stop burning.



Remember it is important to involve everyone in your household in discussing fire safety, what to do and where to go in an emergency.

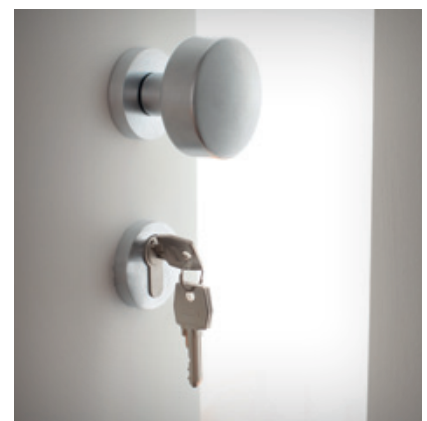
## Sample Plan



## Make sure you can get out of your home quickly if there is a fire.

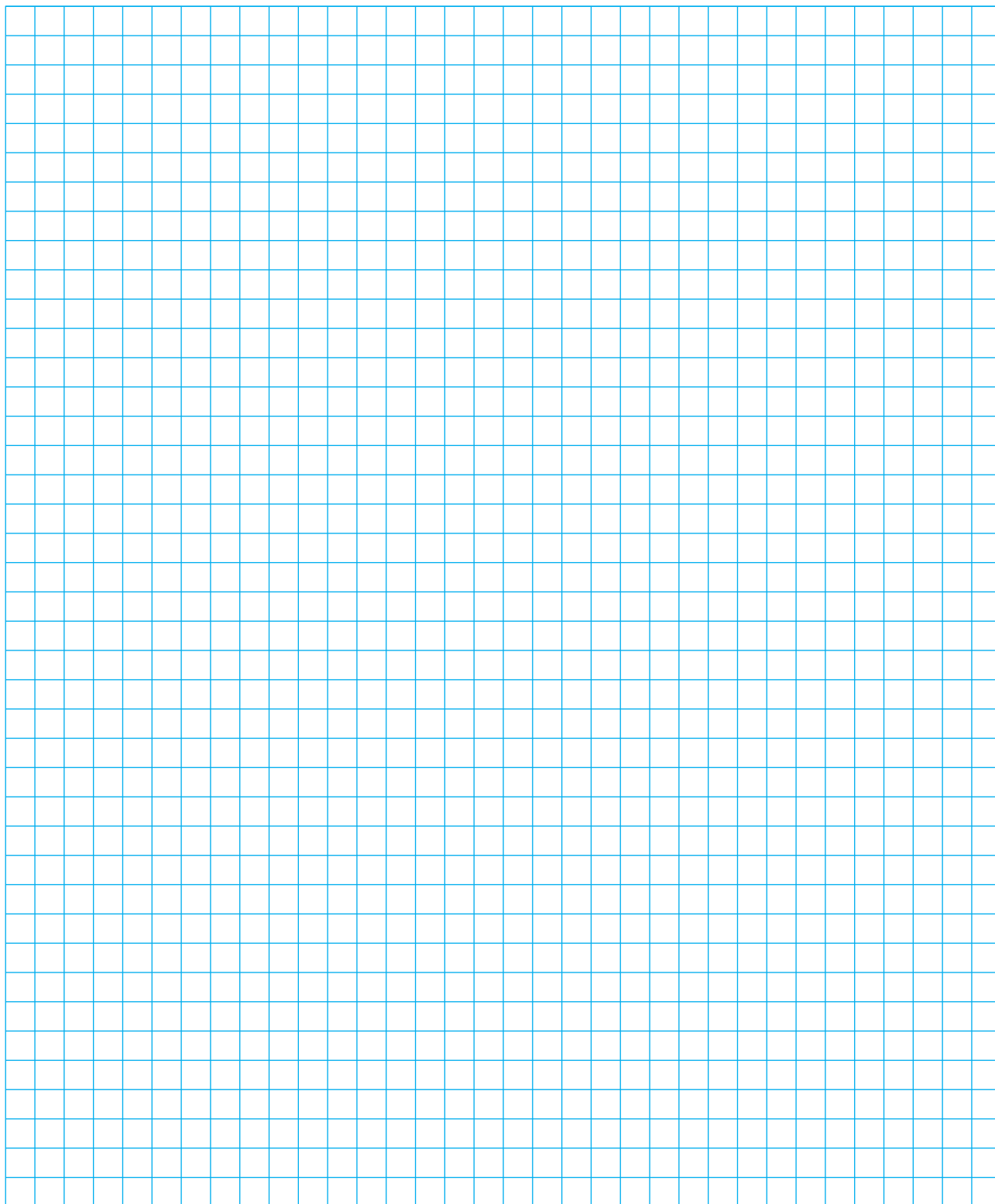
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- 2. Make sure** that window security grilles and screens open **readily** from the inside.
- 3. Make sure** that all windows and doors **open easily** for all members of your family.



# Our Fire Escape Plan

Plan your exit from your home. Draw a plan using the grid below and mark in the exits you could use in a fire emergency. Remember to include **two safe ways** out of any sleeping areas to your **Safe Meeting Place**. See page 3 for a sample plan and page 5 for some suggestions that may assist you.



## Detach your plan and place on your fridge.

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- If you have **visitors** staying over for the first time, show them your escape plan so they **know what to do** in a fire emergency. Make sure they know where your Safe Meeting Place is located.



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