

**GUIDELINES FOR FIRE DRILLS IN FOSTER HOMES**  
**CALL 911 FOR FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

- 1) Plan two escape routes from each room of the home, one being the normal exit and the other being a different door or window.
- 2) Write out your escape plan and rehearse it quarterly.
- 3) Activate smoke detector so residents become adjusted to the sound and respond accordingly.
- 4) Teach residents that they should **NOT** hide under beds or in closets.
- 5) Imagine the room is filled with smoke. Residents should practice crawling low.
- 6) Close doors against smoke and heat. If door is closed, test it before opening by feeling near the top. If the door is hot, use the emergency exit.
- 7) Save lives instead of property. In a fire situation, evacuate residents from the home, then notify Fire Department from a safe location.
- 8) In a multiple story home, evacuate upper floors first.
- 9) Set a predetermined meeting place outdoors so you know that everyone is safe. This may be a neighbor=s house or yard.
- 10) Teach residents to **STOP, DROP AND ROLL** if their clothes catch on fire.
- 11) Once the building is evacuated, remain outside.
- 12) Evacuation should be completed within three minutes.