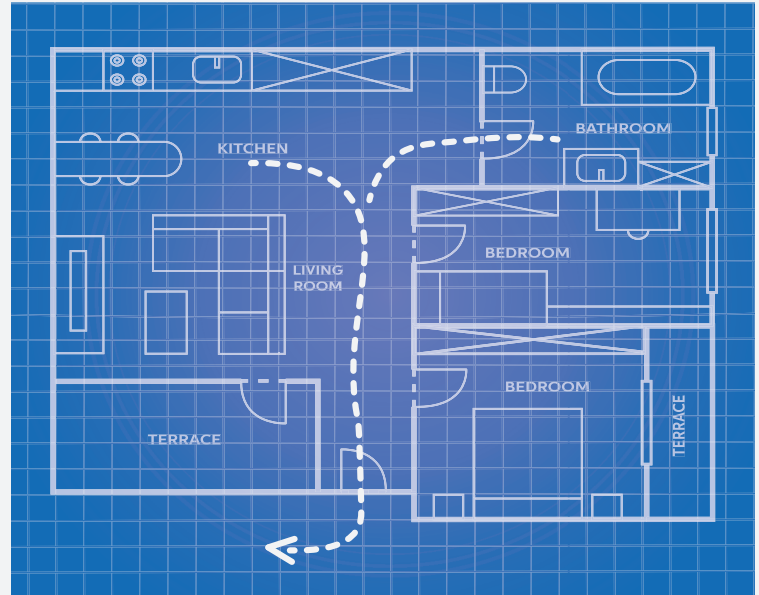


Know Your Fire Escape Plan

Fire moves fast. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one or two minutes to escape safely. Planning in advance is critical to getting out quickly. According to a survey from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), only one of every three American households has developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. As Fire Prevention Week 2022 is observed Oct. 9-15, Tallahassee Fire Department and NFPA share these tips to help you prepare your escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home. Plan your escape with two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window.
- Choose a meeting place outside. This will allow you to know that everyone made it out safely. When you've made it outside, call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or neighbor's phone.
- Practice your escape plan twice a year. Use your main escape route and your alternate. Practice once at night and once during the day.
- Close doors behind you as you leave. This can help slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly. Smoke alarms should be placed near every room where someone sleeps, and there should be at least one on each floor of your home.

Smoke alarms can provide the early warning necessary to escape a deadly fire. Most fire deaths occur in homes without



properly placed or maintained smoke alarms. At a minimum, you should have one smoke alarm outside each sleeping area, one smoke alarm on each level of your home and an additional smoke alarm in each bedroom. Test your smoke alarms monthly. If your smoke alarm is battery-powered, put in new batteries at least twice a year. A good rule of thumb is to do this at the time changes with Daylight Saving Time. You should also periodically clean the alarm by removing the cover and dusting or vacuuming it.

For more fire safety information, visit [Talgov.com/Fire](https://www.talgov.com/Fire).

New Budget Year Begins



The City of Tallahassee's new fiscal year began on October 1. OpenGov makes it easy to stay informed and involved with the budget process year-round. This tool (accessible at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) under "Our City") provides direct access to the City's financial information, including revenues and expenditures, allowing citizens to customize views, explore data and download reports. The City's robust budget process helps gauge community priorities, address current needs and plan for the future with ample opportunities for citizen input. More information is available on [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com).

Spin into Fun

Disc golf is one of the country's fastest growing sports, and the City is proud to offer two challenging courses – one at Jack McLean Park and one at Tom Brown Park, which was again rated the #1 disc golf park in the state. Disc golf is considered a lifetime sport for the whole family, offering a great way to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise while having fun. The rules of disc golf are similar to ball golf, but the game is played by throwing a Frisbee-like disc from a tee pad into a wire basket. Learn more about the City's two disc golf courses at Talgov.com/Parks.



Sustainability Tip

Prepare now for winter heating by servicing or upgrading your home heating systems. If you're replacing older heating equipment, City of Tallahassee loans and rebates may be available to help. Call 850-891-4968 or visit Talgov.com/YOU.



Do Great Things: Work for the City



Want to serve your community? Work here! The City of Tallahassee is the largest single provider of municipal services in the region, including police, fire, public transportation, electric, gas, water, parks and more. From 911 dispatchers to fleet technicians to civil engineers, there are career opportunities across a variety of professional fields. Learn more at Talgov.com/Jobs.

Save the Date for Holiday Fun



Mark your calendar now to join in the fun on Friday, Dec. 2, when the Tallahassee Senior Center becomes a winter wonderland at Deck the Halls. With festive food and drinks, music and good cheer, this is a great event for a great cause – to support senior services! Get details about the many events always happening at the Senior Center at Talgov.com/Seniors.



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