



Home Fire Escape Plan



Be Prepared for the Unexpected



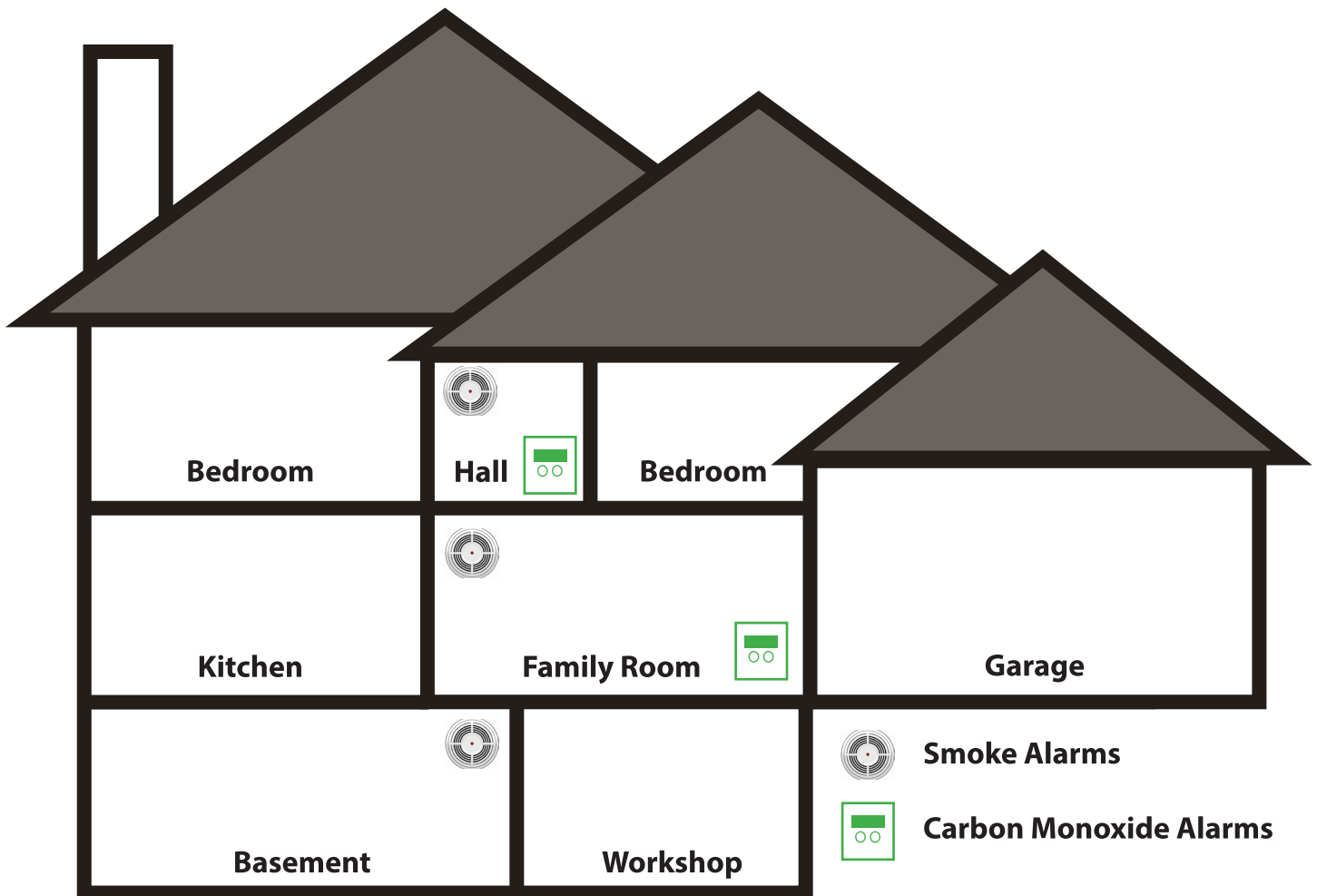
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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Do You Know Where Your Alarms Should Go?



Take Action:

- 1. Install and regularly test carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.**
- 2. Replace your batteries, at a minimum, once per year.**

*Ontario law requires a working smoke alarm on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Follow manufacturer's instructions for your specific alarm device.

Emergency Contact List

Family Members:

Emergency Contact List

Mom @ work:

Dad @ work:

Neighbour:

Police:

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency (905)-830-0303

Fire Department:

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency (905)-476-5167

Gas Company:

Electric Company:

Water Company:

Hospital:

Poison Control:

Doctor:

Dentist:

Plan Ahead

Did you know that the majority of fires we encounter in Georgina occur in the home? Below are things that you should consider before you plan your home fire escape. These details will be very important to make sure no time is wasted during a fire emergency. The goal is to plan ahead so that everyone gets out alive and without injury!

Does anyone need help to escape?

Determine, in advance, who will assist young children, older adults or people with disabilities. You must also take in consideration when someone in the home is injured, possibly a broken leg, and may require assistance. A few minutes of planning will save valuable time in a real fire emergency.

Do you have a way to call 9-1-1?

Don't waste time by calling the fire department from inside your home. Your first priority is getting everyone out safely. You need to plan how you will call 9-1-1 from outside your bed so that when you wake up you can grab it and go! Or you can plan to use the phone at a neighbour's house. Be sure you have arranged access with your neighbour so you can call the fire department right away!

Have you chosen a meeting place outside?

Choose a meeting place a safe distance from your home that everyone will remember. A tree, street light or a neighbour's house are all good choices. In a fire emergency, everyone will go directly to the meeting place so they can be accounted for. This also ensures that if alternate escape routes are taken inside the home, everyone will end up in the same place.

Does anyone take medication?

Always leave any important items, including medication and glasses, next to your bed or within reach, so you can take them in a fire emergency without wasting time trying to gather them up.

Are there pets in the home?

It is very important that you do not take the time trying to find pets in a fire emergency, it could waste valuable time to escape and possibly cost you your life!

Home Escape Plan

Protect your family by completing this Home Fire Escape Plan and practicing it twice a year. Leave this plan on your fridge so you are constantly reminded to make good fire-safe decisions around your home. This will also help to ensure each family member is prepared in the event of a fire emergency.

Draw a floor plan of your home

Use the grid on the next page to draw a floor plan of your home. You should draw a plan for each level of your home. If you live in an apartment or condo, draw the entire floor plan and include the hallway leading to the exits.

Include all possible emergency exits

Draw in all doors, windows and stairways. This will show you and your family all possible escape routes at a glance. Include any features, such as the roof of a garage or porch, that would help you escape if your main route is not available.

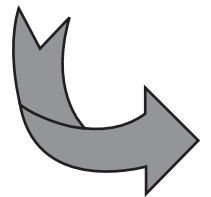
Identify your meeting place

It is important to identify your meeting place on your drawing! If you are in an apartment make sure to include your meeting place. However, it should still be identified by name above the drawing. This also enforces the value of practicing your home escape plan so that the meeting place is identified visually.

Show two ways out of every room, if possible

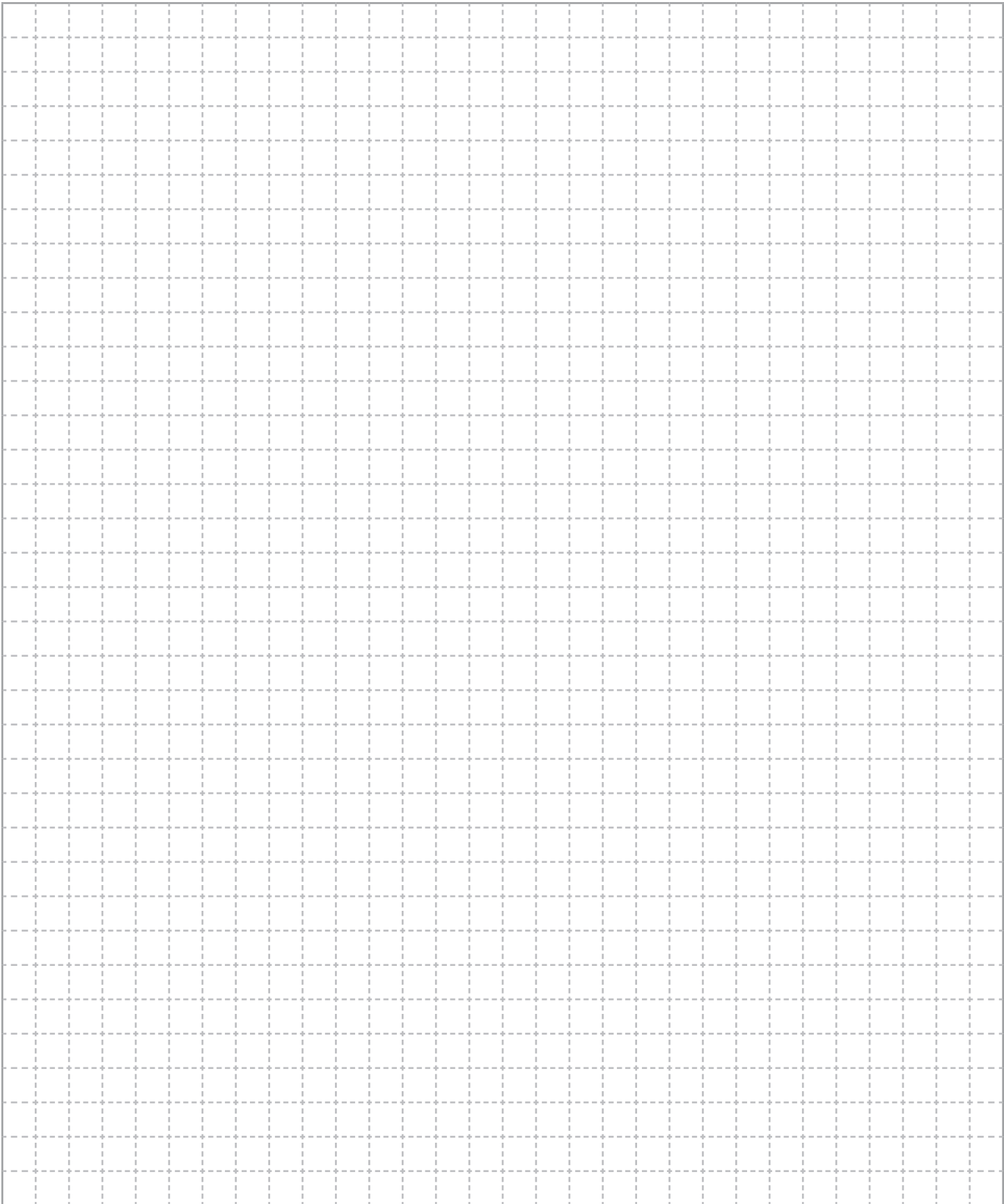
The door will be your main exit out of every room. However, if the door is blocked by smoke or fire, you should identify an alternate escape route, such as a window. Make sure that all windows can open easily and that everyone knows how to escape through them to safety. If windows have security bars, equip them with quick-releasing devices. In an apartment or condo your alternate exit could be a balcony where you could go and signal for help.

Using the grid on the following pages, draw a floor plan of your home showing two ways out of every room, if possible.

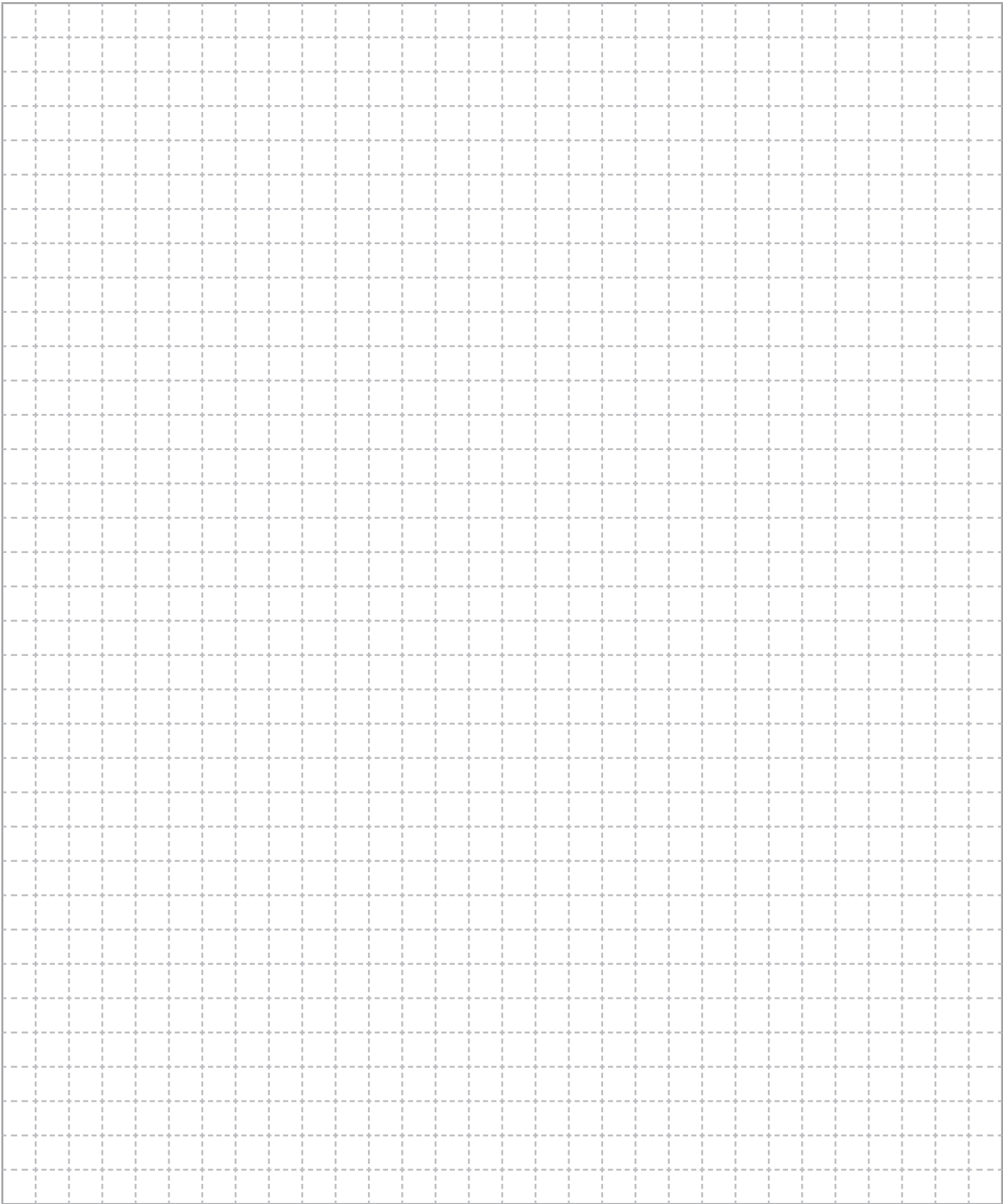


First Floor

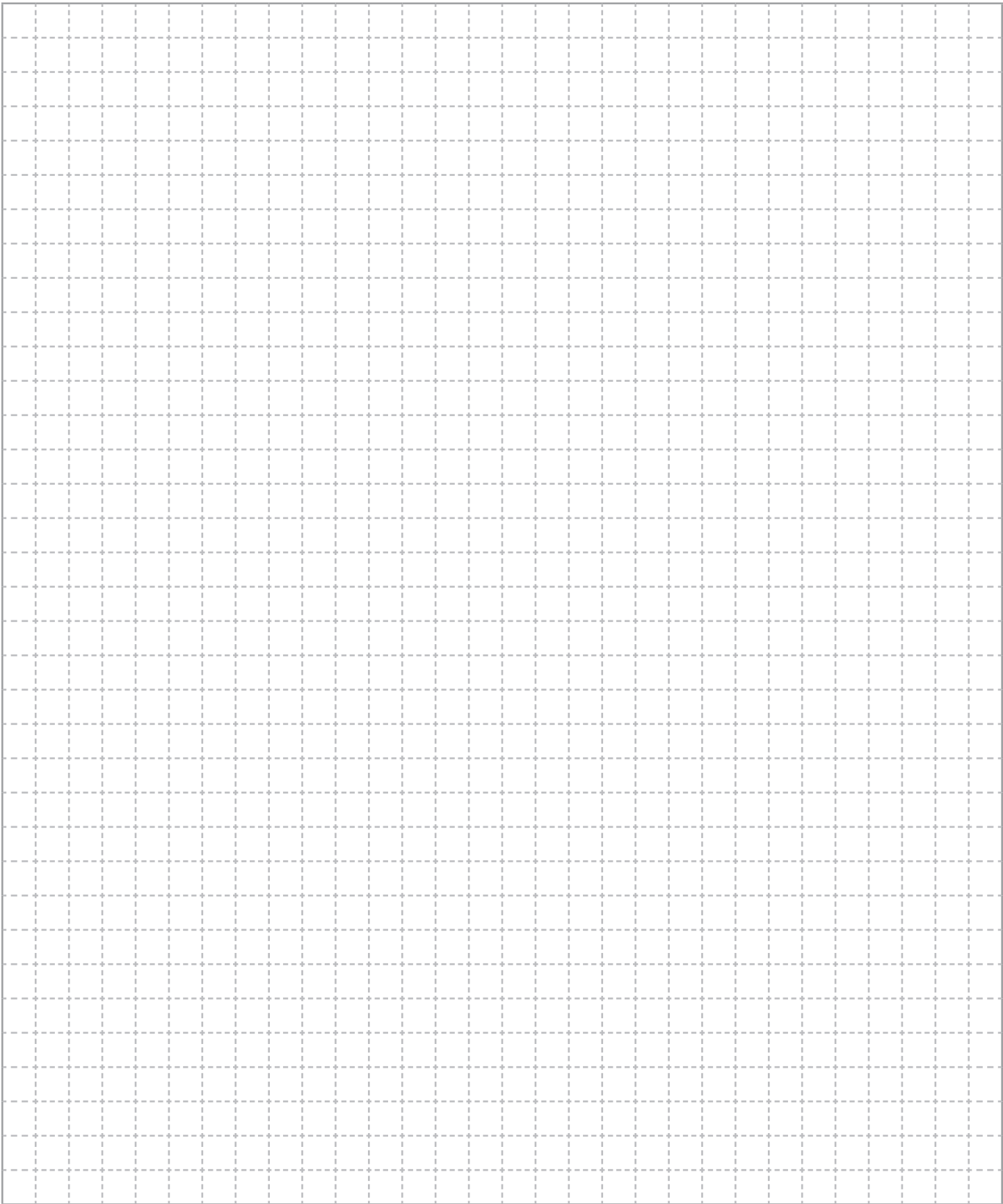
Meeting Place: _____



Second Floor



Basement



Emergency Procedures

Smoke alarm activities

- Wake up.
- Stay low and go to your nearest exist.
- Check the door with the back of your hand.
- **If the door is hot:**
 - Use alternative exit
 - If it is not safe to exit the window, open it and yell as loud as you can for help. If possible, call 9-1-1 and let them know where you are and that you are trapped.
- **If the door is cold open it slowly and check for smoke:**
 - If there is heavy smoke, head back inside the room and use alternate exit.
 - If there is light or no smoke, head to the exit and leave the building.
 - Never use the elevator in an apartment/condo - take the stairs, if possible.
- Once outside, head to your meeting place.
- Call 9-1-1.
- **Never re-enter the home once you have evacuated.**

You discover a fire

- If it is small, and you have been trained to use a fire extinguisher, try to extinguish it.
- If the fire is big or you are not comfortable with the operation of a fire extinguisher, close all doors between you and the fire.
- Alert everyone in the home that there is a fire.
- Exit the home using your nearest exit.
- Never use the elevator in an apartment/condo - take the stairs, if possible.
- Proceed to your meeting place.
- Call 9-1-1.
- **Never re-enter the home once you have evacuated.**

Practice

Ensure you and your family practice these procedures twice a year!

Fire Prevention Tips

Install and maintain smoke alarms

- Smoke alarms warn you of a fire in time to let you escape.
- Smoke alarms are to be installed on every floor of the home and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms monthly by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace batteries at least once a year with new ones.

Space heaters needs space

- Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least 1 metre (3 feet) from anything that can burn.
- Turn off heaters when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Keep children well away from heaters.
- Safety first - look for CSA / ULC listing.

Stand by your pan

- Be alert when you cook, and keep children out of the way. Have a kid free zone of one meter.
- Wear tight fitting clothing and be careful not to reach over hot burners.
- If a pot catches fire, cover it with a lid to smother the flames and turn off the burner.
- Keep pot handles turned inward.

Crawl low under smoke

- If you are ever caught in smoke, drop to your knees and crawl to safety. Since smoke rises, the air is cleaner near the floor.

Smoking is hazardous

- Use deep ashtrays and put water on cigarette butts before putting them in the trash.
- Never smoke when you are in bed, feel drowsy or while on medication.
- Check under and around sofa cushions for smouldering cigarettes before going to bed.

Matches and lighters are for adults

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Teach children that matches and lighters are for adults and are not toys for children.

Use electricity safely

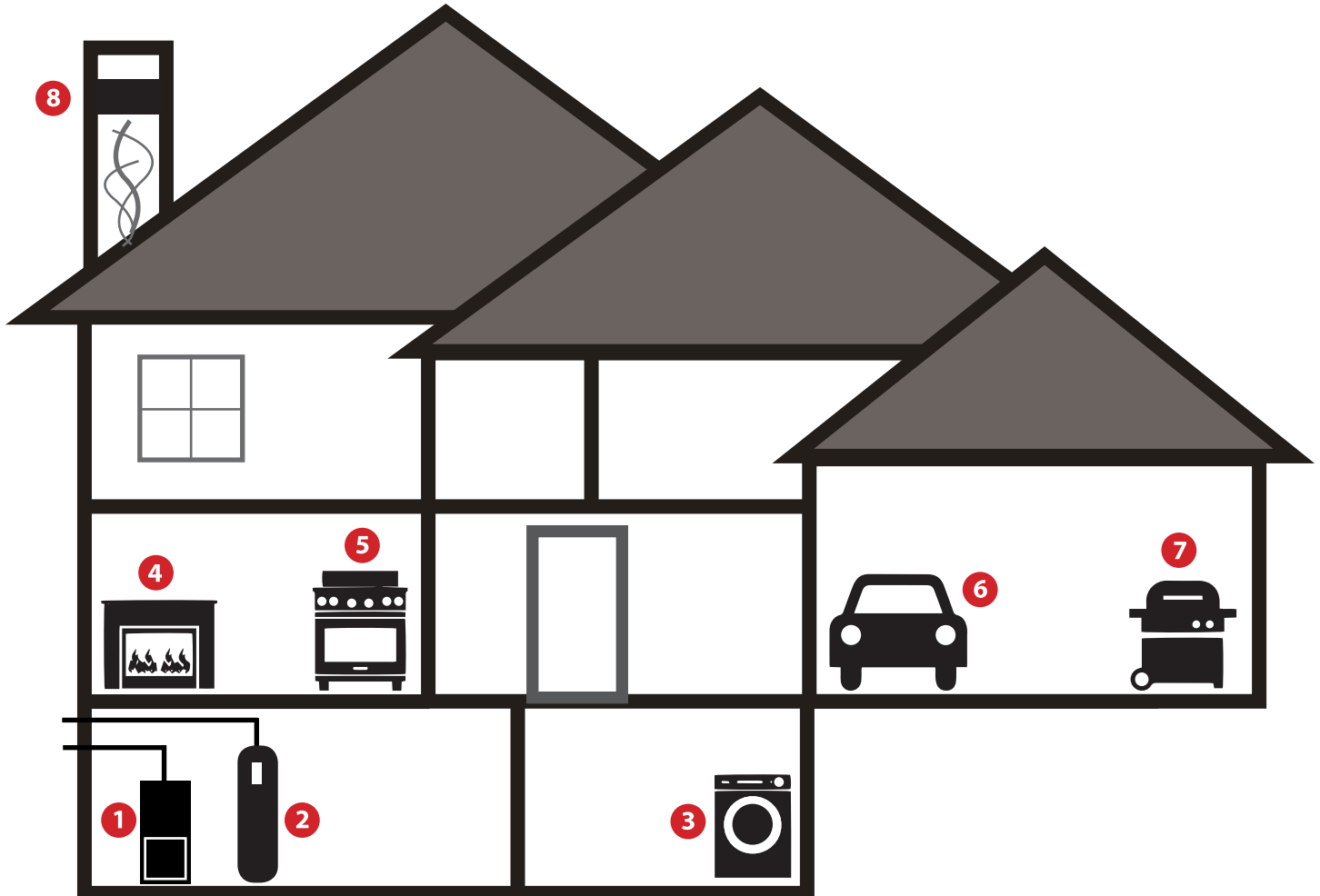
- If an appliance smokes or smells like it is burning, unplug it immediately and replace it.
- Check all of your electrical cords and replace any that are cracked or frayed.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under rugs or carpets.
- Don't tamper with fuse boxes or use fuses of the wrong size.

Stop, drop and roll

- If your clothes catch fire, don't run.
- Stop where you are and drop to the ground.
- Cover your face with your hands and roll back and forth to put out the fire.

Carbon Monoxide Prevention

Common Sources of Carbon Monoxide



Take Action:

Get an annual inspection for all fuel-fired appliances in your home.

1. Furnace
2. Water Heater
3. Gas Dryer
4. Gas Fireplace
5. Gas Stove
6. Car
7. BBQ
8. Blocked Vents or Chimney



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