A HOUSE FIRE

Picture this: You wake up in the middle of the night and something just seems wrong. Perhaps you smell smoke. Perhaps the fire alarm is going off. What do you do next? What you do next could make the difference between you getting out safely and not even getting out at all.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



- Have your parents create two surprise fire drills for you. You react and make good safe decisions.
- Let your parents choose a safe meeting place in case an evacuation is ever necessary.

- Check the door. DO NOT OPEN IT YET! There might be fire on the other side and opening the door could be disastrous. Is there smoke coming under the door? Does the door feel warm? Does the handle feel hot? If all seems okay, carefully and slowly open the door. If you see any flames or feel heat as you start to open the door, slam the door shut immediately.
- Smoke is going to start coming into your room, which is actually more dangerous than the fire.

Put a towel or blanket at the bottom of the door to prevent smoke from coming in.

- If smoke comes in, or you find yourself in a room full of smoke, go low, even crawl on your belly. The smoke tends to rise upwards. If you are low, you'll still be able to breathe.
- If your exit is blocked, get out another way. A window makes a great escape route.



• Never go back in for anything. Get to a safe place and meet your family. If you are the first one out, go to a neighbor and call 911.