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**Portage Fire Department
ANNOUNCES
Fire Prevention Week
October 8 – 14, 2017**

**‘Every Second
Counts – Plan 2
Ways Out!’**

**You and your family are fast asleep when the smoke alarm sounds:
Do you know what to do?**

If you and your family don't have a plan in place it could jeopardize your safety or even prove deadly. In a typical home fire you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the alarm sounds. That's why home escape planning is so critical in a fire situation. It ensures that everyone in the household knows how to use that small window of time wisely.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!' works to better educate the public about the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it. The Portage Fire Department is working in conjunction with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

In support of Fire Prevention Week, Fire Chief Phil Carpenter encourages all Portage la Prairie households to develop a plan and practice it. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room; usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place such as a tree, light pole or mailbox that is a safe distance from the home.

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