



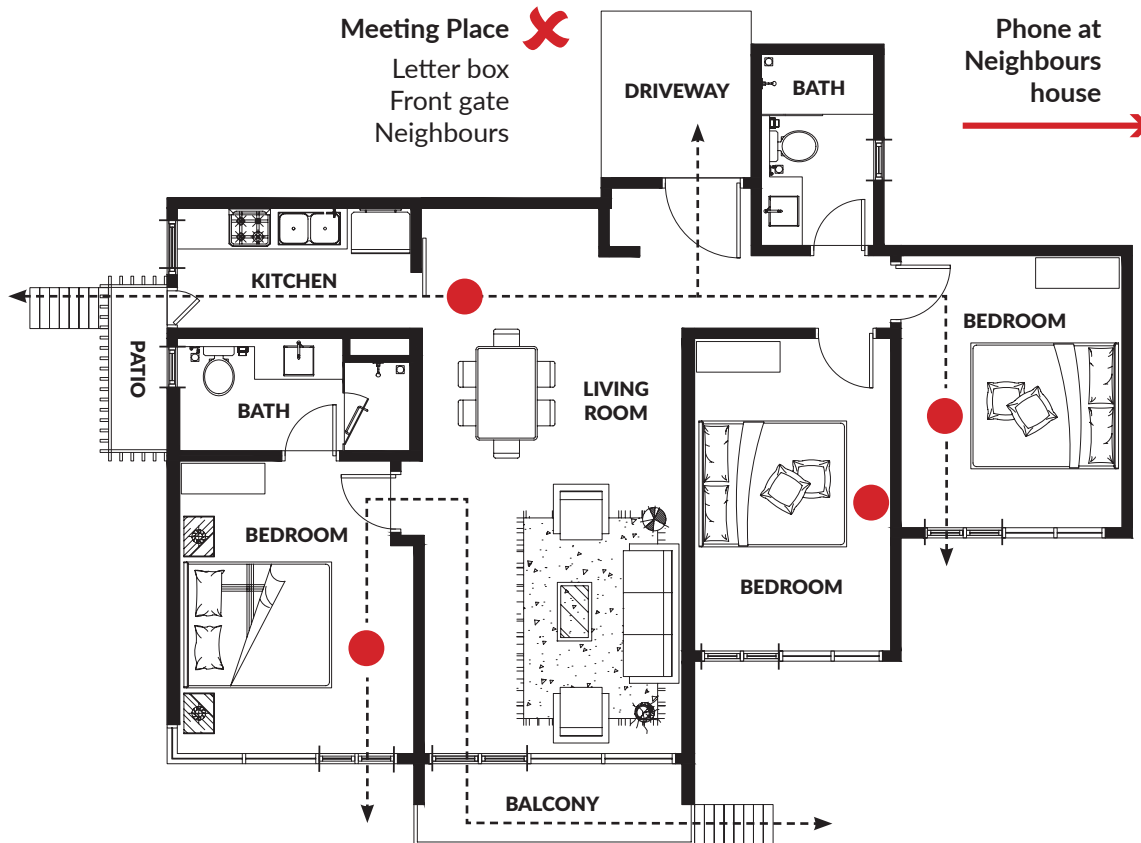
Most fires in the home occur at night, when people are least prepared and unaware of what is happening. A fire in the home can spread rapidly; filling each room with deadly heated gases and smoke and making usual routes impassible. Many victims die whilst asleep, due to smoke inhalation. Smoke alarms are vitally important to give family members early warning of fire and maximize their chance of a safe escape. To increase the safety of family members, a home escape plan should be made. Each family member should be familiar with it. This plan is known as EDITH (*Exit Drill in the Home*).

Contribution of parent/guardian to this program involves helping the child draw a floor plan of the

home, including any features that could block escape. Use the grid on the back of this page to draw your floor plan.

Show clearly:

- All exits, including windows and doors.
- Two ways out of every room (ie. a door and a window), path out with arrows on the floor plan.
- Location Smoke detectors (SD) ●
- An outside meeting place at the front of the house. Always outside.
- The nearest available telephone for dialing "000".



FIRE SAFETY TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND FAMILY

- Install smoke alarms, test regularly and replace batteries annually.
- Smoke detectors (SD) preferable - Photoelectric Interconnecting.
- Escaping an elevated houses via the stairs.
- Know two ways out of every room and the house.
- Make sure all family members know how to call the Fire Service '000'.
- Keep your EDITH Plan displayed in a prominent place and discuss it with the family regularly.

