

If You Are Trapped

If your escape is cut off, take these steps:

1. Get as many closed doors between you and the fire as possible.
2. If smoke is leaking around the doors or vents, stuff openings with anything such as rags, sheets, clothes (wet if possible).
3. Get by a window. Open at top and bottom, if possible, to create a flow of hot air and smoke out of the top.
4. Signal to outside by yelling, hanging out material to attract attention, or banging a wooden clothes hanger or some other object against the side of the house to attract attention.
5. If conditions get worse, lean out of the window. If possible, wrap your legs in a rug or coat or bedspread (wet if possible) to protect against heat.
6. Do not jump from upper floors in panic, except as a last resort. Many persons have been killed that way when rescue was just moments away.