

Hi,

I'm a fire fighter for the New Zealand Fire Service. Does your home have an escape plan in case of fire? You need to know two different ways of escaping from every room in your home.

Now, if you have a family member with ASD you need to consider extra precautions.

You need to develop an escape plan with your family, taking into account security stays on the windows and dead bolts on the doors.

There are hard-wired, interconnected smoke alarm systems available that can automatically disengage the electronic deadlocks on the doors when the fire alarm sounds. You may want to consider a home sprinkler system as well.

Make sure you have a safe meeting place outside. Get out alive with a home escape plan. Remember, smoke alarms plus an escape plan equals survival.

You can seek further information regarding alarm options and escape plans by logging on to the New Zealand Fire Service website www.fire.org.nz you can also contact your local NZ Fire Service region office and ask to speak to a fire risk management advisor or a fire safety officer.

REMEMBER... C'MON GUYS, GET FIREWISE.

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The NZ Fire Service has a website for kids, you could possibly adapt some ideas for your child with ASD:

<http://firewise.fire.org.nz>