

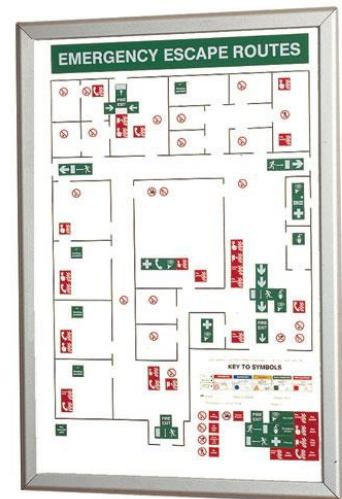
TST #189-A

Escaping in an Emergency

Has your company ever prepared for an emergency exit from your work site or area? Doing so may save your life or the lives of your coworkers. As you begin any job or task, escape or egress routes should be examined and considered in your pre-work planning.

Consider:

- Is someone else aware of my presence/location?
- Distance from work area to closest exit.
- Will this route be useable in an emergency or fire; is it clear of debris, etc?
- Is the door or opening large enough for me to exit?
- Where are other possible routes; 2nd or 3rd options?
- Use emergency stop device on equipment for shut down prior to escape.
- Can I get out if it is dark or if sight is obstructed by smoke?
- Can I exit my work area quickly and safely?
- How do I contact emergency responders if required?
- What is the reporting system after an emergency or incident?



These are all important considerations for escaping in an emergency, whether it is a building emergency or deteriorating weather. You should plan for emergency escape from any space or area in which you are working. This includes inside buildings, on road projects, in your work truck or trailer and even in outdoor locations due to weather or other emergencies.

Having a viable escape route and plan is an important consideration in workplace safety as well as off the job and at home. Plan ahead and be safe!

Escaping in an Emergency Quiz

The following statements should be answered with “True” or “False.” Answers below.

1. Knowing the location of the nearest exit on a jobsite is adequate to ensure safety.
2. It is important to use the emergency stop device on equipment before exiting in an emergency situation.
3. Knowing how to contact emergency responders is important on every single jobsite.
4. There is no reason to think about an escape plan if you are working outside.
5. Assessing the jobsite for emergency escapes should be part of the pre-work planning.

Employee Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Answers:

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. True