

Fire Prevention Awareness

Know Two Ways Out

Have you ever been on your way home or to an event, but right in the middle of your trip you found that the way you had planned to go was closed or blocked by traffic? Aggravating, right? You probably had to take the time to have the GPS find you a new route, or maybe you had to try and figure one out on your own.

In a fire situation, time is a luxury that you probably won't have. It doesn't take long for a hallway or room to fill up with thick, toxic smoke; this smoke can disorient or incapacitate you before you even see the flames or know what has happened. That is why it is vital to be aware of your surroundings and think about *at least* two ways out of the area you are in *before* you need to leave in a hurry (whether it's here at Messiah, or anywhere else you may be).

Some locations may be a little bit harder to plan for, but you can always be proactive in planning to survive. Most of us use the same door or walking route in our daily activities, but have you ever thought about what you would do if that door or route was blocked by fire or debris? Taking the opportunity to think and plan through this scenario (and others!) ahead of time can make a big difference if you are faced with a situation where you only have seconds to survive.

[Have Two Ways Out video from FEMA](#)



Fire is FAST!

There is little time to escape. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill your home.

