

## Manual of Administration

<b>TOPIC:</b> Health and Safety	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Fire Drills in Homes	<b>Code:</b> HS052
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**PURPOSE:** This policy outlines Avenue II's responsibility in ensuring fire safety is practiced and maintained. Individuals receiving N.E.I.G.H.B.O.U.R.S. support will be supported to participate in monthly fire drill instruction. The Fire Department recommends that fire drill practices be performed on a regular basis and Avenue II supports this recommendation.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Support workers working in N.E.I.G.H.B.O.U.R.S. support situations are responsible to ensure a fire drill is conducted each month. The support worker completing the drill will fill out the Monthly Fire Drill Log (see Appendix A). If the individual receiving support chooses not to participate in the fire drill, this should be noted on the Fire Drill Log.
  - 1.1 Supports providing orientations in N.E.I.G.H.B.O.U.R.S. will be sure to conduct a fire drill during one of the orientation shifts.
2. Fire drills will be held on the date shown on the Fire Drill Log. It is the responsibility of the support worker working this shift to complete the drill. If the drill is not completed during this shift, the support worker must notify their Manager, as well they must let the next scheduled worker know that the drill was not completed and ask him or her to complete it.
3. Before starting the monthly fire drill, the support worker, together with the individual receiving support, are to review the fire plan to ensure it is current.
4. Smoke Detectors are to be tested during the monthly fire drill and recorded on the form.
5. In order to prepare the individual receiving support should a fire emergency ever arise, practice proceeding to a safe, predetermined location outside of the dwelling, i.e., to a neighbours, with the individual.
6. Fire drills will include using the exits in the dwelling in a safe and orderly fashion according to the fire plan that is posted.
7. Support workers will include instruction during the fire drill that teaches and supports the individual to call 911 in case of an actual fire emergency, where appropriate.

