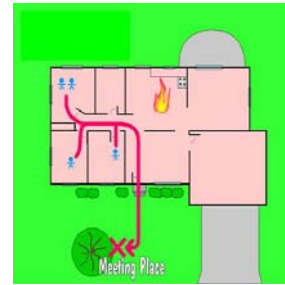


# EMERGENCY EXITS

There is a **long and tragic history** of workplace fatalities in this country caused by problems with fire exits. Most fatalities occur when occupants cannot get out in time and inhale smoke, often in areas that do not actually burn.

An exit route is a **continuous and unobstructed path of exit travel** from any point within a workplace to a place of safety.



All exit routes must be identified with clearly visible signs in a distinctive color reading "EXIT."

Each exit route door and sign must be free of decorations or signs that obscure the visibility of the exit.

Exit routes are required by Fire Code to be maintained, AT ALL TIMES, free of obstructions or impediments to full, instant use.

Exit routes must also be kept free of combustible furnishings, explosives or other hazardous materials.

