

Fire Drill

A **fire drill** is a method of practicing the evacuation of a building for a fire or other emergency. Generally, the emergency system (usually an alarm) is activated and the building is evacuated as though a real fire had occurred. Usually, the time it takes to evacuate is measured to ensure that it occurs within a reasonable length of time.

We had a fire drill in our school last week on Tuesday and Thursday, 23rd and 30th September 2010. From my point of view, I think that having a fire drill is a good practice as it prepares us for emergencies like fire. The fire drill on Tuesday near the end of the second period didn't go out pretty well. The ground was wet and it took us a lot of time to be settled at the Predetermined Point of Safety. The second fire drill on Thursday was near the end of the first period. It went out pretty well. It was not too slow. The people who were evaluating our fire drill were Mr. Dan, our middle school principal, Mr. Glenn, the person in-charge of the fire drill, Mr. Anumart, the head of the security, Mr. Cecil David, our administrator, Ms. Jordana, the elementary principal, Ms. Loydz, the kindergarten principal.

One important fire drill procedure is not to panic. Panic creates chaos, which in turn creates a stampede. People may get injured because of all the pushing and pulling. Important safety procedures in the fire drill should be followed for a safe evacuation. Some people think fire drills are not important. They think that if there is a "real" fire, most people will just simply run without following the correct procedures. They are right too. But what kind of evacuation with so many people injured. So that's why fire drills are important.

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