

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Below is a simple checklist that can help you protect your home and family.

Cooking Safety (leading cause of home fires)

- Yes No Does an adult always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes No Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- Yes No Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- Yes No Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Yes No Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes No Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet around the stove when cooking?

Heating Safety

- Yes No Are portable space heaters always turned off when you leave the room or go to sleep?
- Yes No If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet away from anything else that can burn, including people, furniture, and pets?
- Yes No Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Yes No Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
- Yes No Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- Yes No Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?
- Yes No Do you empty your lint trap in your clothes dryer frequently? Have you had your dryer vents cleaned in the past year?
- Yes No Have you and your family practiced a home fire drill within the last six months? (Why not do one tonight?)
- Yes No Do you know the fire department's emergency phone number (which should be called from a neighbor's or nearby phone once you get outside)

Electrical Safety

Yes No Are extension cords used safely?

(Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)

Yes No Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?

(Always unplug lamps and appliances before inspecting the cords.)

Yes No Are kitchen appliances – such as the coffee-maker, toaster oven, and microwave – plugged into separate receptacle outlets?

Smoke Alarms/Fire Escape

Yes No Does your home have smoke alarms

on every level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?

Yes No Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (Push the test buttons to find out.)

Yes No Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?

Yes No Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?

Yes No Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?

Fire fighters respond to a home fire every 85 seconds. Please take a few moments to follow these simple guidelines. It can help keep your home and family safe.



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