

Fire Safety Checklist



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Smoke Alarms

- There is one smoke alarm on every level of the home and also inside and outside each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

Cooking Safety

- The cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- The kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside.
- Pots are not left unattended on the stove.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Electrical cords do not run under rugs.
- Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked.
- Circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters are used for additional outlets.
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean.

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy, fireproof containers that are not easily tipped over.
- All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room.
- Children and pets are never left unattended with candles.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than seven years old.

Smoking Safety

- Family members who smoke buy only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight.
- Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from items that can catch fire.
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn.

Heating Safety

- The chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least three feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters.
- Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet from anything that can catch fire.
- Extension cords are never used with space heaters.
- Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have a tip-over shut-off function.

Home Fire Escape Plan

- Have two ways out of each room.
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke.
- Once you're out, stay out.
- Know where to meet after the escape.
- The meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out.
- Practice your fire escape plan.

