



## NFPA

# Home Fire Safety Checklist

Nearly 3000 Americans each year die in fires. How safe is your home from fire? To determine the safety of your home study these questions with your family. Every "yes" shows a fire safety plus, every "no" a fire safety risk.

### Smoke Alarms

Yes No

Do you have smoke alarms installed in every level of your home and in sleeping areas?

Do you test your alarms monthly to ensure they are in proper working order?

Do you change the batteries twice a year? (10-year lithium batteries do not need to be changed)

Have you replaced all alarms older than 10-years?

### In Case of Fire

Do you know how to call 9-1-1?

Is there an extinguisher easily accessible in your kitchen?

Do you have an **escape plan** with at least two ways out of every room?

Have you **practiced** this escape plan by holding **fire drills** in your home?

Have you included caregivers in your drills?

Do you have a central **meeting place**?

### Cooking Hazards

Is your kitchen stove, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?

Do you always stay in the kitchen when cooking? (cooking the largest risk for fire)

Do you ensure a three-foot, no child/no pet zone in your kitchen?

Do you avoid loose fitting clothes when cooking?

### Matches, Lighters and Smoking

Yes No

Do you keep matches and lighters in a locked box to ensure children have no access ?

Do you keep matches and lighters away from sources of heat?

Do you have plenty of large non-combustible ash trays in every room?

Is there a "No smoking in bed or when sleepy and/or intoxicated" rule in your home? (fires caused by careless smoking cause the most fatalities)

Do you use ash trays outside to avoid mulch fires?

### Electrical Hazards

Do you have qualified electricians install or extend your home's wiring?

When you buy electrical equipment and appliances do you always look for the UL label (Underwriter's Laboratories Inc.) ?

Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs or long extension cords?

Are there automatic shut-off switches on your electrical appliances? (such as coffee pot and iron)

Do you have adequate circuit breakers or fuses for the equipment in your home?

Are all extension cords the right size for the items plugged in?

Are all electrical cords out in the open? Meaning they are not under rugs or furniture nor are they run through partitions.

Are there adequate outlets in **all** rooms?

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For Parents

Do you extinguish candles when you leave the room?

Yes  No

Do you use noncombustible containers when you burn your candles?

Yes  No

Do you keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children?

Yes  No

Are you careful never to leave your child alone in a room with a portable heater, stove or candles?

Yes  No

Do you leave your child with a responsible person when you go out, even for a little while?

Yes  No

Housekeeping Hazards

Do you clean the lint filter after every use of the clothes dryer?

Yes  No

Do you vacuum or dust the smoke alarm regularly?

Yes  No

Has everyone in the family been warned never to use gasoline or flammable liquids for cleaning clothes, furnishings or floors?

Yes  No

If you store paint and varnish are they kept in tightly closed containers?

Yes  No

Heating

Is your fireplace checked by a chimney sweep each year?

Yes  No

Has your fire place or wood burning stove been properly installed?

Yes  No

Are portable heaters placed well away from anything that burns ? (recommend three feet)

Yes  No

Do you turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?

Yes  No

Every yes is a safety plus. Every no should be a project to be addressed. Practice your Plan Today.

Draw your family escape plan here.

Our Family Meeting Place Is.....