



Home Fire Safety Checklist

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Exterior

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Address numbers are clearly visible from street. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | For homes located more than 50 ft from the street, address numbers are posted at driveway entrance. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tree limbs are trimmed away from overhead electrical wires and chimney. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Leaves/debris removed from roof, eaves, gutters, around deck. |

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke alarms are in each bedroom, outside sleeping area (hallway) and on every level of home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are located on each level of the home and near sleeping areas. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke and CO alarms are tested monthly; use a broom handle to reach ceiling mounted units. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | For units with removable batteries, replace batteries once a year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Replace smoke and CO alarms approx. every 10 years (or earlier if recommended by manufacturer). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Adaptive smoke and CO alarms are installed for occupants with special needs. |

Electrical & Appliances

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Electrical outlets are not overloaded. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken, cracked, cut, or frayed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cords are not run under rugs or furniture, over hooks, or nailed to the wall. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If extension cords are used, they have a surge protector safety feature. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Outlets are not warm to the touch. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If young children are in the home, tamper-resistant outlets or outlet safety covers are installed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dryer lint is emptied after each load. |

Lithium-Ion Batteries

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Only the manufacturer-recommended charger is used. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Charge on hard, non-flammable surface--never a bed, sofa, or pillow. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Device is unplugged once fully charged. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Avoid charging overnight or when you are not nearby. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Batteries are inspected regularly for swelling, leakage, or damage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Batteries are stored in a cool, dry place at room temperature. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Larger devices (e-bikes, e-scooters) are stored in a ventilated area away from exits. |

Heating Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | If home has a fireplace: Screen is always kept in front of it. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If home has a fireplace: Chimney is cleaned and inspected annually. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If home has a fireplace: Ashes disposed of in metal container at least 3 ft away from combustibles. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Furnaces and wood stoves are in good repair and located away from combustible walls/ceilings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Furnace filters are replaced as recommended by manufacturer. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Combustibles are kept at least 3 feet away from space heaters, fireplace, and other heating sources. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Propane heaters and/or oven are not used to heat home. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Space heaters are equipped with an automatic shut-off function. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clutter and other combustibles are kept away from water heater and furnace. |

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Cooking

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| | Cooking area is clear of combustibles (dish towels, bags, curtains, etc.) |
| | Cooking is not left unattended; timer set as a reminder. |
| | Pot handles are always turned toward the back of stove. |

Candles

The use of candles is not encouraged. Flameless candles are a safe alternative to traditional candles.

If traditional candles are used, please consider the following:

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| | Candles are never left unattended. |
| | Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets. |
| | Candles are put out when leaving the room or going to bed. |
| | Candles are not used in bedroom or other areas where occupant may fall asleep. |
| | Candles are on a sturdy, clear surface away from combustibles. |

Smoking

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| | No smoking in bed or when drowsy is a rule of the house. |
| | Deep, sturdy ashtrays are used. |
| | Ashtrays are never emptied into waste baskets. |

Housekeeping

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| | Matches and lighters are kept out of reach of children. |
| | Trip hazards are minimized (clutter, throw rugs, cords, etc.) |
| | Hazardous materials are stored away from heat sources and in containers with tight-fitting lids. |
| | Oily rags are never piled. Dry them outside; laying flat, individually, on non-combustible surface. |
| | Used rags are stored in a metal container with tight-fitting lid, or |
| | In metal container, completely with water and oil-breaking detergent. |
| | Household hazardous materials are disposed of properly. |

Fire Escape Plan

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| | Door to bedroom is closed while sleeping. |
| | Family has Fire Escape Plan prepared. |
| | Fire Escape Plan is practiced regularly with every member of household. |
| | Each bedroom has TWO exits; consider both doors and windows. |
| | All family members know how to dial 911 in case of emergency. |
| | A "Safe Meeting Place" has been identified outside (tree, mailbox, etc.). |