

# Home Fire Safety Checklist

**DID YOU KNOW?** You may have less than 3 minutes to safely escape a fire in your home. Complete this checklist to help prevent a fire from happening. Be sure to make and practice your home escape plan.

## Smoke Alarms

- One on every level of the home, installed inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas
- Tested monthly
- Less than 10 years old

## Carbon Monoxide alarms

- Located on each level of the home with a bedroom
- Tested monthly
- Not expired, according to manufacturer

## Kitchen Safety

- Stovetop is clear of anything that can catch fire, and pot handles are turned toward the back of the stove
- Children and pets are kept at least 3 feet away from the stove or oven
- Cooking food is not left unattended
- Cutting boards and decorative items are not stored on top of the stove

## Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy, fire-proof containers that cannot be tipped over
- Burning candles are kept away from children and pets, and never left unattended

## Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Electrical cords are in good condition and not routed under rugs or through doorways
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall sockets, not extension cords
- Vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear and vent directly to the outside

## Heating Safety

- Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly
- Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have a tip-over shut-off feature
- Furniture and other flammable items are at least 3 feet from any source of heat
- Stove and fireplace ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container, at least 3 feet from anything that can burn

## Smoking Safety

- Smoking areas are located outdoors
- Smoking materials are kept out of reach of children
- Ashtrays are large, deep, and kept away from items that can catch fire
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn

## Home Escape Planning

Everyone in the home should know two ways out of every room, and two ways to get outside. Here are some steps for making a home escape plan.

- Choose an outside meeting place at the front of the house, so firefighters know you're there.
- Keep exit paths clear of furniture and clutter.
- Know that if there is smoke, you should crawl low to the ground where the air is cleaner.
- Practice your escape plan, and make sure everyone knows what to do.
- Call 9-1-1 from your meeting place. Do not go back inside the house.
- Your plan must include assistance for anyone who cannot escape on their own.



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