

Keep your home safe from fire. Put a check in front of each statement that is correct for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- □ There is one smoke alarm on every level of the home.
- □ There is one smoke alarm 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

- □ Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
 - $\hfill\square$ Keep an eye on what you fry.
- Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- $\hfill\square$ 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 in good condition.
- □ 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 fire proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Blow out all candles when adults leave the room or go to bed.
- □ Children and pets are never left alone with candles.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- □ Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- □ Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

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Home Fire Safety Checklist



Smoking Safety

- □ Family members who smoke only buy fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- □ Matches and lighters are kept in a locked place where children cannot see or touch them.
- □ 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 heating system is cleaned and serviced by a professional every year.
- □ Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least **3 feet** from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards and space heaters.
- □ Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least **3 feet** from anything that can catch fire.
- □ Space heaters are plugged directly into a wall outlet.
- □ Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have tip-over shut-off function.

Home Escape Plan

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

Follow-up Items

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