

Home Fire Safety Checklist



EVERYONE in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

KID'S CHECKLIST

- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Do you know the sound that a smoke alarm makes?
- Do you know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Can you see the number on your house from the street (have a grown-up go with you to check)?
- Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside in front of your home if a fire occurs?

GROWN-UP'S CHECKLIST

- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors?
- Do you test the smoke alarms at least once a month and change batteries twice a year?
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?
- Do you have an escape ladder for second floor bedrooms?
- Do you have fire extinguishers and know how to use them?
- Does your entire family practice your plan twice a year, in the summer and the winter?

Kitchen Safety

- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking. Keep a tight fitting lid near the stove. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pot.
- Keep curtains, towels, oven mitts clear of heat sources. Wear tight fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove.

Protect Your Home

- Matches and lighters are stored out of sight and reach of children.
- Always blow out candles before leaving the room.
- Keep items that can burn one metre (three feet) away from space heaters. Turn space heaters off before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Extension cords are only for temporary use.