



Home Fire Safety Checklist

Is your home 'fire safe'?

Heating

- Baseboard heaters are at least 12 inches from curtains and furniture.
- Chimneys and heating systems are inspected, cleaned, and repaired each year.
- Portable heaters are at least 3-feet from bedding and furniture, and are plugged directly into the wall, and turned off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Every wood burning fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen.
- Portable heaters are equipped with 'tip over' and 'overheated' sensors.

Electrical

- Use as few cord adapters and extension cords as possible. Instead, use a power strip that has a surge protector (the third middle prong).
- Extension cords are only used temporarily and are not tacked to walls or run under rugs.
- Small appliances, like toasters, are unplugged when not in use.
- Appliances have a seal of approval from independent testing lab.

Housekeeping

- Matches and lighters are kept out of children's reach and in a secure place.
- Paint, varnish, oily rags, and other flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers in a cool place.
- Ashes from fireplaces and barbecues are only disposed of in metal containers.
- Candles are only lit when someone is able to keep an eye on them and are placed in a

Kitchen

- Something cooking is never left unattended and the stove is clear of items that can catch fire like cardboard. *In the event of a pan fire, cover it with a lid or cookie sheet and turn off the heat. This should suffocate the fire and put it out.
- The oven is never used to heat the home and is never left on when no one is home.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- Smoke and CO alarms are installed on a ceiling or high on the wall inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Alarms are tested once a month and batteries are changed once a year.
- If the smoke or CO alarm sounds, get out and call 911.
- Since CO doesn't rise, consider placing CO alarm with battery backup near gas appliances.