

Home Fire Safety Checklist [©]

Do a home fire safety inspection

Cooking Safety

- Yes No Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes No Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- Yes No Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- Yes No Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Yes No Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes No Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet (one meter) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?

Heating Safety

- Yes No Are portable space heaters always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep?
- Yes No If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet (one meter) way from anything else that can burn, including people, furniture, and pets?
- Yes No Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Yes No Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
- Yes No Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- Yes No Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?

Electrical Safety

- Yes No Are extension cords used safely? (Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)
- Yes No Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas? (A grown-up should unplug lamps and appliances before inspecting the cords.)
- Yes No Are kitchen appliances – such as the coffee-maker, toaster oven, and microwave – plugged into separate receptacle outlets?

Smoke Alarms / Home Fire Escape

- Yes No Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?
- Yes No Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (A grown-up should help by pushing the test button to find out.)
- Yes No Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Yes No Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?
- Yes No Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?



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