

Home Fire Prevention Checklist

Safe and Warm	
	Are space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, sofas and anything else that can burn?
	Has your chimney been inspected or cleaned in the past 12 months?
	If you have a fireplace, does it have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
Smoking materials	
	Are matches and lighters locked up high, out of sight and reach?
	If anyone smokes in your home, do you have a large, deep, non-tip, non-combustible ashtrays?
	Are cigarette and cigar butts and ashes soaked with water before throwing them away?
Hazardous materials	
	Are paints, gasoline, and other flammable liquids stored away from flames and sparks?
	Is gasoline stored outside the home in a separate shed or garage?
	Is your storage area clean- no oily rags, used paint, or varnish rags?
House wiring	
	Do the tripping points of your fuses or breakers match the capacity of the circuits they protect?
	Are bathroom and kitchen wall outlets protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFIs)?
	Does your local safety code require the use of arc-fault circuit-interrupters (AFCIs), which detect abnormal arcing in a circuit?
Smoke alarms	
	Do you have smoke alarms installed on every level of your home?
	Is there an alarm outside every sleeping area?
	Do your smoke alarms Work?
	Does everyone in your home know the sound of your smoke alarm?
	Are any smoke alarms in your home more than 10 years old? (If so, replace them)
	Does your family have a home fire escape plan, and do you practice it every six months?
	Are your portable fire extinguishers fully charged?
Kitchen tips	
	Does an adult stay in the kitchen when something's cooking on the stove?
	Is your stove top clean- no grease, no spills, no clutter?
	When you cook, do you turn pot handles in toward the back of the stove?