

Home Fire Safety Checklist

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A practical walk-through for a safer home. Check off completed items.

GET OUT. STAY OUT. CALL 911 FROM OUTSIDE.

Walk through each room. Mark items N/A if they do not apply. Record repairs on page 2.

Home / household

Checked by / date

01 SMOKE ALARMS

- ☐ **Check alarm coverage**
Install on every level, inside bedrooms and outside each sleeping area.
- ☐ **Test every month**
Press each test button. Replace batteries or faulty alarms as directed.
- ☐ **Check age and condition**
Replace smoke alarms 10 years from manufacture, or sooner if instructed.
- ☐ **Make alerts work for everyone**
Use compatible interconnected alarms and suitable alerts for hearing loss.

03 HEATING & FIREPLACES

- ☐ **Keep a 3-foot clear zone**
Keep bedding, curtains and furniture at least 3 feet from heat sources.
- ☐ **Switch portable heaters off**
Turn off when leaving the room or going to sleep. Never heat with an oven.
- ☐ **Plug heaters into wall outlets**
Do not use extension cords or power strips. Follow the heater instructions.
- ☐ **Schedule annual servicing**
Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected and cleaned by a professional.

02 KITCHEN & COOKING

- ☐ **Stay with the stove**
Stay in the kitchen while frying or broiling. Turn burners off if you leave.
- ☐ **Clear the cooking area**
Keep towels, packaging and other items that can burn away from the stovetop.
- ☐ **Turn pot handles inward**
Keep handles toward the back and children away from the cooking area.
- ☐ **Prepare for a small pan fire**
Keep a lid nearby. Never add water to a grease fire or carry a burning pan.

04 CORDS & ELECTRICAL

- ☐ **Inspect cords and plugs**
Stop using damaged cords or loose plugs. Keep cords out from under rugs.
- ☐ **Avoid overloaded outlets**
Plug major appliances directly into wall outlets; do not overload power strips.
- ☐ **Check lamps and fixtures**
Use bulbs within the rated wattage. Keep materials that can burn clear.
- ☐ **Act on warning signs**
Have a qualified electrician check hot outlets, scorch marks or repeated trips.

Finish Your Safety Check

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Check everyday habits, review escape readiness, and assign repairs.

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05 EVERYDAY FIRE RISKS

- ☐ **Choose flameless candles**
If using candles, extinguish before leaving or sleeping; keep clear of combustibles.
- ☐ **Clean the clothes dryer**
Remove lint before and after each load. Keep the vent clear; service as directed.
- ☐ **Charge batteries safely**
Use the correct charger. Do not charge on beds or sofas, or block escape routes.

06 ESCAPE & RESPONSE

- ☐ **Know two ways out**
Keep doors and windows usable. Choose an outside meeting place.
- ☐ **Practice with everyone**
Drill twice a year. Assign help for children and anyone needing assistance.
- ☐ **Check your extinguisher**
Keep it accessible near an exit. Check condition and gauge, if fitted, as directed.

Escape comes first. Get outside, stay outside, and call 911. Use an extinguisher only if trained, everyone is leaving, the fire department has been called, the fire is small and contained, smoke is not endangering you, and your exit is clear. If unsure, leave immediately.

07 FIX-IT LIST & REVIEW DATES

Hazard / room	Person responsible	Due date
Next monthly alarm test	Next household fire drill	

08 USEFUL SAFETY GEAR

Interconnected smoke alarms - Amazon

Check compatibility and local requirements.

ABC fire extinguisher - Amazon

Choose a listed model you can safely handle.

Battery-powered flameless candles - Amazon

A flame-free option for everyday lighting.

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