

Home Fire Safety Checklist[©]

Smoke Alarms / Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors / Home Fire Escape

- There is a smoke alarm on every level of the house, including the basement and outside each sleeping area, and everyone can hear them.
- There is a CO alarm on every level of the house.
- The smoke and CO alarms are tested at least twice a year to make sure that they are working.
- The smoke alarms are replaced every ten years and the CO alarms every seven years.
- There is an escape plan that includes two ways out of each room and a meeting place where everyone knows to go.
- All the exits from the house are clear of furniture, toys and clutter.
- Everyone knows to get low if there is smoke, to call 911 once we are outside and to not go back into the house until the fire is completely out.
- Escape plans are practiced twice a year.

Cooking Safety

- Anything that can burn (towels, wood utensils, paper) are kept well away from the stovetop.
- The oven, stove top and hood are clean and free of grease.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.

- There is a “kid-free” zone of three feet around the stove when adults are cooking.
- An adult stays in the kitchen while food is cooking on the stovetop.
- A lid is always nearby to smother small grease fires.
- When cooking in the oven, a timer is always set.

Fire & Burn Safety

- Candles are in fireproof containers, kept 12 inches from anything that can burn, and are always blown out before leaving the room.
- Portable space heaters are always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep.
- Portable space heaters are at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Lint is removed from the filter and from around the clothes dryer before each load.
- The fireplace has a sturdy screen to catch sparks, ashes are removed only when cool and stored in a metal container away from the house.
- The furnace and chimney are inspected and cleaned once a year by a qualified professional.
- The water heater thermostat is set to keep hot water no more than 120 °F.
- Electrical and extension cords are in good condition and are not under carpets or across doorways.
- All appliances are plugged directly into separate outlets, not into extension cords.