



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK

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Cooking

- ☐ The cooking area, including on top of the stove and in the oven, is free from all items that can burn.
- ☐ Pots on the stove are not left unattended while cooking, remember *"Keep an Eye on What You Fry."*
- ☐ The oven is never used to heat the home.
- ☐ Cooking vents are cleaned per manufacturer's directions.
- ☐ Charcoal and gas grills are only used outdoors and at least 15 feet from the home, deck or garage.

Smoking

- ☐ House rules include not smoking in bed or while lying down.
- ☐ Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from any items that can burn.

Heating

- ☐ Baseboard heaters do not touch any furniture, curtains or other items stored on the floor.
- ☐ Chimneys and heating systems are inspected, cleaned and repaired annually prior to the heating season.
- ☐ The area around the furnace is clear of all items that can burn.
- ☐ All portable heaters are placed at least three feet from furniture, walls or bedding.
- ☐ Portable heaters are plugged directly into wall outlets and turned off when you leave the room.
- ☐ Every fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen.

Electrical & Appliances

- ☐ Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring.
- ☐ Extension cords used are not tacked to walls, run under rugs, or through doorways.
- ☐ Safety covers are present on all outlets if small children are present.
- ☐ Appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- ☐ Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean.

Housekeeping

- ☐ Matches and lighters are kept out of reach of children in a secure place.
- ☐ Paint, varnish and other flammable are stored in sturdy metal containers and in a cool place.
- ☐ Ashes from fireplaces and barbeques are only disposed of in metal containers.
- ☐ Candles are placed in sturdy holders away from children, pets or things that can burn.
- ☐ Candles are extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed.

Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- ☐ Smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home and in every bedroom.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are tested monthly and vacuumed regularly.
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are located on every level of the home.
- ☐ Alarm batteries are changed twice a year, unless equipped with a 10-year lithium battery.
- ☐ All alarms are less than 10 years old.

Escape Plan

- ☐ You have a plan of escape showing two ways out of every room and an outside family meeting place.
- ☐ You regularly practice your escape plan by having fire drills with everyone in your home.
- ☐ Your house numbers are clearly visible from the street.
- ☐ Fire extinguishers are rated at least 2A:10B:C and only considered for use by adults on small fires after calling 9-1-1.