

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Is your home safe from fire?

Take a few minutes and walk through each room in your home with this checklist.

COOKING SAFETY

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does an adult stay in the kitchen when cooking food on the stove? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are nearby countertops clear of clutter? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are pot handles turned towards the back of the stove to avoid accidents? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are curtains, paper towels, and oven mitts, or anything that can burn, far away from the stovetop? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are children kept one metre away from the stove when adults cook? |

CANDLE SAFETY

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are candles kept 30 centimetres away from anything that can burn? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are candles kept out of the reach of children and pets? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you blow out or snuff out candles before leaving a room or when you go to bed? |

HEATING SAFETY

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If space heaters are used in your home, are they one metre away from things that can burn? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are space heaters turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or when you go to bed? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your fireplace have glass doors or a sturdy metal screen to catch sparks? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your chimney been cleaned and inspected in the last year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are propane tanks, gasoline, or fuels stored safely outside your home? |

MATCHES AND LIGHTERS

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are matches and lighters stored in a high cabinet out of the reach of children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If an adult smokes, do they have only one book of matches or one lighter? Is it kept with the adult at all times? |



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are power bars used instead of extension cords? Are they in good condition not frayed or cracked? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you avoid placing electrical cords under rugs or across doorways? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are small kitchen appliances such as kettles, toasters and coffee makers unplugged when not in use? |

SMOKING SAFETY

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does an adult extinguish ashes into a metal tin with sand? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do any smokers in your family use a large, deep ashtray? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are smoking materials kept on the adult or in a high cabinet? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do smokers avoid smoking in bed, while on medication, or when tired? |

SMOKE ALARMS AND (CO) CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your home have working smoke alarms on every level and outside every sleeping area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does a designated person test the smoke alarms and CO alarm once a month? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you replace your alarm after 10 years or according to the manufacturer's instructions? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you test your alarms monthly? |

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you and your family made a fire escape plan if the smoke or CO alarm activates? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have two ways out of every room? Do you have a meeting place a safe distance outside the front of your home? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you practiced a home fire drill with everyone in your household? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a designated person to help the very young, elderly or any one with disabilities? |

WHAT IS OUR SCORE?

Our score

Add up the number of "YES" responses in your checklist. Give yourself one point for every "YES" response.

- If you answered "Yes" to all of the 30 checklist questions above, congratulations! You are a fire expert.
- If you answered "Yes" to at least 25 questions, you're well on your way to a fire safe home.
- If you answered "Yes" to between 15 and 20 questions, you are on the right track but there is still some work to be done.
- If you answered "Yes" to fewer than 15 questions, there are some important changes that need to be made around your home to make sure everyone in your home is safe from fire.