



## Home Fire Safety Checklist

Nearly 3000 Americans each year die in fires. How safe is your home from fire? To determine the safety of your home study these questions with your family. Every “yes” shows a fire safety plus, every “no” a fire safety risk.

### Smoke Alarms

Yes No

- Do you have smoke alarms installed in every level of your home and in sleeping areas?  Yes  No
- Do you test your alarms weekly to ensure they are in proper working order?  Yes  No
- Do you change the batteries twice a year? (10-year lithium batteries do not need to be changed)  Yes  No
- Have you replaced all alarms older than 10-years?  Yes  No

### In Case of Fire

- Do you know how to call 9-1-1?  Yes  No
- Is there an extinguisher easily accessible in your kitchen?  Yes  No
- Do you have an **escape plan** with at least two ways out of every room?  Yes  No
- Have you **practiced** this escape plan by holding **fire drills** in your home?  Yes  No
- Have you included caregivers in your drills?  Yes  No
- Do you have a central **meeting place** ?  Yes  No

### Cooking Hazards

- Is your kitchen stove, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?  Yes  No
- Do you always stay in the kitchen when cooking? (cooking the largest risk for fire)  Yes  No
- Do you ensure a three-foot, no child/no pet zone in your kitchen?  Yes  No
- Do you avoid loose fitting clothes when cooking?  Yes  No

### Matches, Lighters and Smoking

Yes No

- Do you keep matches and lighters in a locked box to ensure children have no access ?  Yes  No
- Do you keep matches and lighters away from sources of heat?  Yes  No
- Do you have plenty of large non-combustible ash trays in every room?  Yes  No
- Is there a “No smoking in bed or when sleepy and/or intoxicated” rule in your home? (fires caused by careless smoking cause the most fatalities)  Yes  No
- Do you use ash trays outside to avoid mulch fires?  Yes  No

### Electrical Hazards

- Do you have qualified electricians install or extend your home’s wiring?  Yes  No
- When you buy electrical equipment and appliances do you always look for the UL label (Underwriter’s Laboratories Inc.) ?  Yes  No
- Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs or long extension cords?  Yes  No
- Are there automatic shut-off switches on your electrical appliances? (such as coffee pot and iron)  Yes  No
- Do you have adequate circuit breakers or fuses for the equipment in your home?  Yes  No
- Are all extension cords the right size for the items plugged in?  Yes  No
- Are all electrical cords out in the open? Meaning they are not under rugs or furniture nor are they run through partitions.  Yes  No
- Are there adequate outlets in **all** rooms?  Yes  No

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For Parents

Yes No

Do you extinguish candles when you leave the room?

Do you use noncombustible containers when you burn your candles?

Do you keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children?

Are you careful never to leave your child alone in a room with a portable heater, stove or candles?

Do you leave your child with a responsible person when you go out, even for a little while?

Children learn by example... Do you always show fire safe behavior?

Housekeeping Hazards

Yes No

Do you clean the lint filter after every use of the clothes dryer?

Do you vacuum or dust the smoke alarm regularly?

Has everyone in the family been warned never to use gasoline or flammable liquids for cleaning clothes, furnishings or floors?

If you store paint and varnish are they kept in tightly closed containers?

Heating

Is your fireplace checked by a chimney sweep each year?

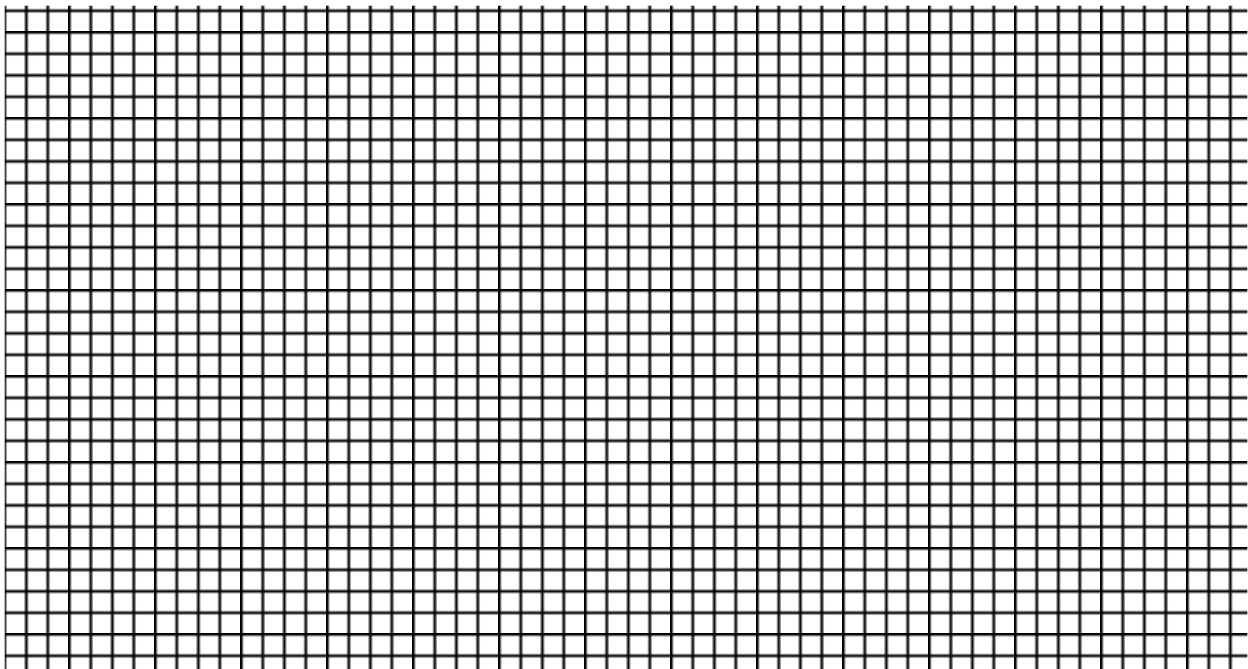
Has your fire place or wood burning stove been properly installed?

Are portable heaters placed well away from anything that burns ? (recommend three feet)

Do you turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?

Now that you know your home's risks work to correct each and every one.

Draw your family escape plan here.



Our Family Meeting Place Is...\_\_\_\_\_