

NFPA HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



SMOKE ALARMS

- Do you have smoke alarms installed in every level of your home and in sleeping areas?
- Do you test your alarms monthly to ensure they are in proper working order?
- Do you change the batteries twice a year? (10-year lithium batteries do not need to be changed)
- Have you replaced all alarms older than 10 years?



IN CASE OF A FIRE



- Do you know how to call 911?
- Is there an extinguisher easily accessible in your kitchen?
- Do you have an escape plan with at least two ways out of every room?
- Have you practiced this escape plan by holding fire drills, in your home?
- Have you included caregivers in your drills?
- Do you have a central meeting place outside of your home?



COOKING HAZARDS

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



MATCHES, LIGHTERS, SMOKING

- Do you keep matches and lighters in a locked box to ensure children have no access?
- Do you keep matches and lighters away from sources of heat?
- Do you have plenty of large non-combustible ash trays in every room?
- Is there a "No smoking in bed or when sleepy and/or intoxicated" rule in your home?
- Do you use ash trays outside to avoid mulch fires?



ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- Do you have qualified electricians install or extend your home's wiring?
- When you buy electrical equipment and appliances do you always look for the UL label (Underwriter's Laboratories Inc.)?
- Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs or long extension cords?
- Are there automatic shut-off switches on your electrical appliances? (such as coffee pot and iron)
- Do you have adequate circuit breakers or fuses for the equipment in your home?
- Are all extension cords the right size for the items plugged in?
- Are all electrical cords out in the open? Meaning they are not under rugs or furniture, nor are they run through partitions.





FOR PARENTS



- Do you leave your child with a responsible person when you go out, even for a little while?
- Are you careful never to leave your child alone in a room with a portable heater, fire stove or candles?
- Do you use noncombustible containers when you burn your candles?
- Do you extinguish candles when you leave the room?

HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS



- Do you clean the lint filter after every use of the clothes dryer?
- Do you vacuum or dust the smoke alarm regularly?
- If you store paint and varnish, are they kept in tightly closed containers?



HEATING



- Has your fire place or wood burning stove been properly installed?
- Are portable heaters placed at least 3 feet away from anything that burns?
- Do you turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?

Every “check” is a safety plus.

Every blank should be a project to be addressed

Practice your Plan Today.

