

# Fire Safety Checklist

## IS YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE?

Take a few minutes to walk through your house and use this checklist to make sure your home is fire-safe!

### Alternative Heaters

- Use heaters only in well ventilated rooms.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.
- Do not use heaters to dry clothing or other items.
- Keep heaters at a safe distance from curtains, furniture and all combustibles.

### Kerosene Heaters

- Be sure kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Fill only with K-1 kerosene, and never use gasoline or camp stove fuel.
- It's recommended to refuel kerosene heaters outdoors and when they're cool.

### Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Only use seasoned wood, and never use green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interiors, hearths, and chimneys yearly.

### Safe Cooking Practices

- Don't leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs.
- Keep curtains and other combustibles away from the stove.
- Make sure the stove is off and small appliances are unplugged before going to bed.

### Smoke Detectors

- Place smoke detectors near bedrooms and on every floor.
- Test the batteries monthly.
- Keep smoke detectors away from air vents.
- Place smoke detectors at least 4 to 6 inches away from walls and corners.

### Electrical Wiring

- Replace wiring if its frayed or cracked.
- Do not place wiring under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- Avoid overloading outlets and make sure they stay cool to the touch.
- Keep covers over electric plates and avoid exposed wiring.

### Electric Space Heaters

- Plug heaters directly into the wall socket, not into extension cords.
- Unplug heaters when they're not being used.
- Safe Smoking Habits
- Never smoke in bed.
- Keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains.
- Always attend burning cigarettes.

### Children and Fire Safety

- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

### Home Fire Escape Plan

- Have an escape plan and make sure all family members know it.
- Practice the plan every six months.
- Keep emergency numbers, a whistle and a flashlight near the telephone.
- Identify an outside meeting place and never return into a burning building.
- Know how to call for emergency assistance.

### Fire Safety Technology

- Keep a fire extinguisher handy, especially in the kitchen.
- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.

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