

FIRE AND SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOME



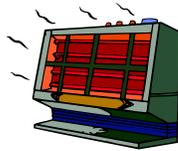
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The below fire and safety checklist is designed as a tool for you and those in your home to look for and correct any risks that pose fire or safety dangers. We hope to increase your every day awareness of risk to avoid injury or death due to fire and safety hazards.

How safe is your home?

Room Heating Devices:



Yes No

Are all heaters in good repair (no fraying or taped cords)?

Yes No

Are all heaters sitting on a level, fire proof flooring or floor protector, NEVER carpeting?

Yes No

Is each heater at least three feet from the wall, curtains, furniture or other materials that might easily catch fire?

Yes No

Are heaters out of the path where people walk?

Yes No

Are heaters turned off when you leave the house or during sleep hours?

Yes No

Do you ensure cords NEVER run under a carpet?

Fireplaces:

Yes No

Are all fire places in good repair, and inspected and cleaned at least annually?

Yes No

Do you use a fire screen and the proper tools to reduce the risks of injury and fire?



Yes No

Do you ensure all fire and burning materials are fully extinguished before leaving the home or going to sleep at night?

Cooking Equipment:

Yes No

Are items like towels, pot holders and cleaning products kept away from stoves or grills?

Yes No

Do you wear short sleeves or roll up long sleeves so clothing does not catch fire when you cook?

Yes No

Do you keep pot handles turned inward to avoid spilling hot liquids that can burn?

Yes No

Are all burners and the oven turned off when you leave the house or during sleep hours?



Electric:

Yes No

Check all outlets to ensure only the recommended number of cords are plugged into each outlet.



Yes No

Keep cords away from water sources to avoid electrical shock.

Yes No

Replace cords that are broken or frayed, do not tape them or repair yourself.



Flammable Liquids:

Yes No

Are flammable liquids stored in properly labeled, tightly closed non-glass containers?

Yes No

Are these products stored in a garage or shed outside the home?

Yes No

Are flammable liquids stored out of the reach of children?



Severe Weather Tips:

Yes No

Identify a safe place indoors (a hallway or the basement) where you will go if you are in immediate danger from severe weather like a tornado.

Yes No

During severe weather, open the windows a bit.

Yes No

Keep a blanket handy to protect yourself from flying glass and other debris.

Yes No

Keep a flashlight with extra batteries handy in case of a power outage.



Carbon Monoxide:

Yes No

Do you have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home? The danger of carbon monoxide is that it has no color or odor and the symptoms of CO poisoning are like a cold or the flu.

Yes No

Do you test your CO detectors regularly to be sure they work?

Yes No

Are they replaced regularly (between 7-10 years, depending on product)?

Avoid Falls:

Yes No

Keep floors clear from clutter.

Yes No

Use non-skid rugs, especially in the bathroom, or on stairs and wood floors.

Yes No

Good lighting is important on stairs.

Yes No

Always use handrails when going up or down stairs.

Yes No

When climbing to reach high places, use a step stool. Do not climb on counters or drawers.

Fire Prevention and Safety Tips:

Yes No

Do you have at least one smoke detector on each level of your home? Do you test them every month and change the batteries at least once a year?



Yes No

If there is smoke, can you crawl on the ground, where there is less smoke, to escape?

Yes No

If your clothes catch fire, do you know the STOP, DROP and ROLL procedure?

Yes No

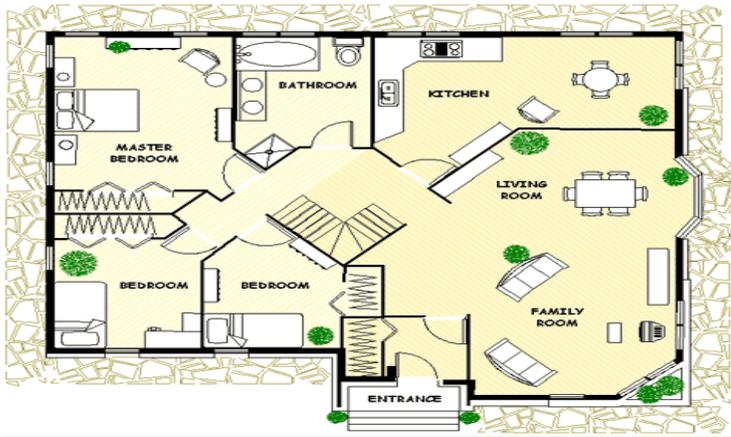
Do you keep the ashtray on a coffee table or other solid surface, NEVER on a couch, chair, or bed that can catch fire?



E.D.I.T.H – Exit Drill in the Home:

Yes No

Draw a plan of your home and identify all possible escape routes.



Yes No

Know at least two ways to get out of each room in case there is a fire (doors and windows)?



Yes No

In case of fire, roll out of bed to stay low to the floor. Touch the door and door knob to see if fire is close by and use appropriate exit.

Yes No

Know the spot where people in your home will meet outside in case of a fire.

Yes No

Fill out your “File of Life” card and keep it on the refrigerator.

Yes No

PACK YOUR GO BAG NOW!
Note on your “File of Life” card where you keep your GO BAG so fire personnel can get it when they arrive to help.



**DO NOT GATHER
BELONGINGS**

**YOU MUST GET OUT AND
STAY OUT**

CALL 911

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