



Home Fire Safety Survey Checklist



The following home fire safety survey is a voluntary program to educate homeowners on the importance of fire safety. The below checklist is not all-inclusive and primarily intended to promote fire safety in the home. Fire is Everyone's Fight!

Smoke Alarms

- There is one smoke alarm on every level of the home.
- There is one smoke alarm inside and outside each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. (Best Protection)
- Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Cooking Safety

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) fire extinguisher.
 - Teach family members how to use a fire extinguisher
(P.A.S.S.- Pull the pin, Aim at base of fire, Squeeze, Sweep)
 - Inspect extinguisher annually.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
 - Keep an eye on what you fry.
- Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside.
- Pots are not left unattended on the stove.
- Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- When using outside grills, move unit away from the house.

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Blow out all candles when adults leave the room or go to bed.
- Children and pets are never left alone with candles.



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Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits.
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Electrical cords do not run under rugs.
- Electrical cords are in good condition.
- Circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters are used for additional outlets.
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean.

Heating Safety

- The heating system is cleaned and serviced by a professional every year.
- Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least **3 feet** from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards and space heaters.
- Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least **3 feet** from anything that can catch fire.
- Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Space heaters are plugged directly into a wall outlet.
- Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have tip-over shut-off function.
- Combustible materials are kept away from water heater.

Smoking Safety

- Family members who smoke, only smoke outside the home.
- Matches and lighters are kept in a locked place where children cannot see or touch them.
- Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from items that can catch fire.
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn.

Garage Safety

- A solid door separates the garage and living areas.
- Gas powered equipment is stored in garage or outside shed.
- Gasoline is stored in approved safety containers.



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Home Escape Plan

- Have two ways out of each room.
- Windows used for escape open easily, and are not blocked by furniture.
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid poisonous smoke.
- Know that once you're out, stay out.
- Know where to meet after the escape.
- Meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out.
- House number is visible from the street.
- Practice your fire escape plan.

Additional Items

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