



Home Fire Safety Checklist

Bedrooms

- ☐ Is there a properly operating smoke detector in each bedroom?
- ☐ Is there a home escape plan posted in each bedroom?
- ☐ Does every room have two exits?
- ☐ Are windows easily opened?
- ☐ Do second floor bedrooms have a safety ladder?
- ☐ Do you have a designated meeting place? Does everyone know where it is?
- ☐ Is there a carbon monoxide detector installed on the sleeping level of the home?
- ☐ Is there a three foot clearance between combustibles and heat sources and vents?

Kitchen

- ☐ Is there always an adult in the kitchen when cooking is taking place?
- ☐ Is there a three foot safety zone around the stove if there are small children in the kitchen?
- ☐ Is the stove and adjacent area free of towels, pot holders and other combustibles?
- ☐ Do you cook on the rear burners and ensure that pan handles are not hanging over the front of the stove?
- ☐ Are the cords on all appliances tied up so they do not hang over the edge of the counter?
- ☐ Is there a fire extinguisher available in the kitchen?

Living Room/Family Room/Den

- ☐ Are all combustibles at least three feet from the fireplace, woodstove or heating devices?
- ☐ Do you have a screen in front of your fireplace?
- ☐ Is there a fireproof rug in front of the fireplace or woodstove?
- ☐ Are all candles placed in a proper sized holder and setting on a non-combustible surface?
- ☐ Are all extension cords placed over rugs and not plugged into a second cord?
- ☐ Are exit paths, stairs and doors clear of obstructions?
- ☐ Is there a carbon monoxide detector installed in the living area of the home?

Bathroom

- ☐ Are all outlets connected to a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) breaker?
- ☐ Are all electrical appliances unplugged after each use?
- ☐ Are all candles placed in a proper sized holder and setting on a non-combustible surface?
- ☐ Are all medicines and cleaning supplies secured in a cabinet with a locking device?
- ☐ Is the bathroom vent fan cover removed to allow for cleaning the fan and cover every six months? (ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE POWER!)
- ☐ Are all light bulbs the proper wattage for all lighting fixtures?

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Garage/Utility Room

- ☐ Are all flammable liquids stored in proper containers and stored outside of the garage in a detached shed or separate area?
- ☐ Is all gasoline powered equipment stored outside of the garage in a detached shed or separate area?
- ☐ If the garage is attached to the home, is there a solid door between the two areas?
- ☐ Is your garage equipped with a properly operating fire extinguisher?
- ☐ Do you never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent?
- ☐ Do you have a smoke detector in the garage and/or utility room?

Outside

- ☐ Is your house number visible to emergency workers from the street?
- ☐ Are the roof and gutters clear from excessive leaves and pine tags?
- ☐ Is there proper clearance around electrical and gas meters?
- ☐ Is your driveway clear enough to allow fire trucks and ambulances to reach your home?
- ☐ Is the gas or charcoal grill utilized away from any combustibles?
- ☐ Are proper ash trays located outside for smokers?
- ☐ Is there no excessive brush or combustibles piled up around your home?

Electrical

- ☐ Is the home equipped with the proper Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) breakers?
- ☐ Are all extension cords not plugged into a second extension cord and not run through doorways?
- ☐ Are all appliances plugged directly to wall outlets?
- ☐ Are all breakers properly labeled in the electrical box?
- ☐ Is there a three foot clearance in front of the breaker/fuse box?
- ☐ Are all electrical outlets and switches covered by proper cover plates?
- ☐ Are outside lighting appliances clear of any combustibles?

General Safety Items

- ☐ Are all smoke detectors tested and cleaned each month?
- ☐ Is your house number visible for Fire, EMS and Police?
- ☐ Is the dryer lint trap cleaned out after each use?
- ☐ Is there a three foot clearance around heating devices and water heaters?
- ☐ Are all areas of the home free of excessive clutter, including: clothing, papers, magazines and other combustibles?
- ☐ Are the furnace and the fireplace inspected and cleaned before each heating system?
- ☐ Are furnace filters changed on a regular schedule?