



# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Use this checklist to help reduce common fire risks and improve home safety.



## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Avoid overloading outlets and power strips.
- Replace damaged cords immediately.
- Use extension cords only for temporary use.
- Have a licensed electrician inspect outdated wiring, aluminum wiring, or frequent breaker trips.



## KITCHEN SAFETY

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove.
- Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires.
- Keep flammable materials (towels, paper, curtains) away from stovetop.



## ESCAPE PLANNING

- Create a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- Practice your escape plan twice a year.
- Designate an outdoor meeting place a safe distance from the home.



## HOME EXTERIOR & PROPERTY

Keep roof, gutters, and yard clear of dry leaves and debris.

- Store firewood at least 20 feet from the home.
- Maintain defensible space in wildfire-prone areas (clear vegetation 30+ feet around home).
- Store flammable liquids in approved containers, outside of home if possible.
- Keep any flammable liquids away from heat sources.



## SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level of the home.
- Install CO alarms outside sleeping areas and on every level with fuel-burning appliances.
- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace batteries annually or as needed.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years and CO alarms per manufacturer instructions.



## HEATING & APPLIANCES

- Have furnaces, boilers, and chimneys inspected annually.
- Keep flammable items at least 3 feet from space heaters.
- Never use ovens or stoves to heat the home.
- Clean dryer lint filter after each use and vent duct annually.



## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Place at least one extinguisher on each level, plus one in the kitchen and garage.
- Ensure extinguishers are ABC-rated (for multiple fire types).
- Check gauge monthly to confirm pressure is in the green zone.



## CANDLES & OPEN FLAMES

- Never leave candles or open flames unattended.
- Keep them away from flammable items; consider flameless candles.



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