

Home Fire Safety Checklist

GENERAL

- Yes No Home has smoke alarms on every level.
- Yes No Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Yes No Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes No Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
- Yes No For larger homes (where the interior floor area on a given level is greater than 1,000 square feet), there is an average of at least 1 smoke alarm for every 500 square feet. [See NFPA72-200711.5.1.3, 29.5.1.3 (2010)]
- Yes No Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Yes No Home has ionization smoke alarms.
- Yes No Home has photoelectric smoke alarms.
- Yes No Home has combination (photoelectric and ionization) smoke alarms.
- Yes No All smoke alarms are working.
- Yes No Home has a primary protection fire extinguisher for each level UL rated 2-A:10-B:C.
- Yes No Home has supplementary protection fire extinguishers UL rated 1-A:10-B:C.
- Yes No Residents have a home fire escape plan.
- Yes No Residents practice the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
- Yes No The home has occupant(s) that require assistance to escape. Occupants discuss escape planning and occupant requirements in case of a fire or emergency escape.
- Yes No House number is visible from the street.
- Yes No Windows used for escape open easily not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.
- Yes No Security bars, if present, have a quick release-device.
- Yes No Home has a home fire sprinkler system.
- Yes No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
- Yes No Carbon monoxide alarms are working.

THROUGHOUT THE HOME

- Yes No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes No Large ash trays are provided outside for smokers.
- Yes No Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Yes No Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantity.
- Yes No The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.
- Yes No Kitchen
- Yes No Things that can burn are removed from the stovetop.
- Yes No Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Yes No Adult stays in the kitchen when stovetop is in use.



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LIVING/FAMILY ROOM

- Yes No Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Yes No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.

BEDROOMS

- Yes No All bedrooms have two ways out — window and a door.

BASEMENT

- Yes No Workshop area is clean of things that can burn.
- Yes No Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
- Yes No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace.
- Yes No Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually.
- Yes No Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Yes No Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

GARAGE

- Yes No There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Yes No Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Yes No Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.

OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Yes No Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- Yes No There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
- Yes No Barbecue grill is only used outdoors.
- Yes No Swimming pool or hot tub is enclosed by a four-sided fence and locked gate. Filter, heater or hot tub is properly grounded.

ELECTRICAL

- Yes No AFCIs (arc-fault circuit interrupters) are installed throughout the home and they are working properly (new home construction only).
- Yes No Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly.
- Yes No All receptacle and switch face plates are installed and in good condition.
- Yes No Receptacles have been tested and are in good working condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes No Switches are in good condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes No Lighting fixture canopies are fastened in place and fixture is in good condition.
- Yes No Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture.
- Yes No Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- Yes No Panel board and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition — no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage.
- Yes No Service entrance race ways or cables are fastened in place, grounded, readily accessible and in good condition.



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