

Fire Safety Checklist

Smoke Alarms

- Place smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home including the basement. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home for best protection. When one sounds, they all sound.

Safe Heating Practices

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment and have a 3-foot "child and pet-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Only purchase and use portable space heaters from a recognized testing laboratory with an automatic shut-off so if they tip over they will shut off.
- Turn space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug space heaters directly into the wall socket and never into an extension cord or power strip.

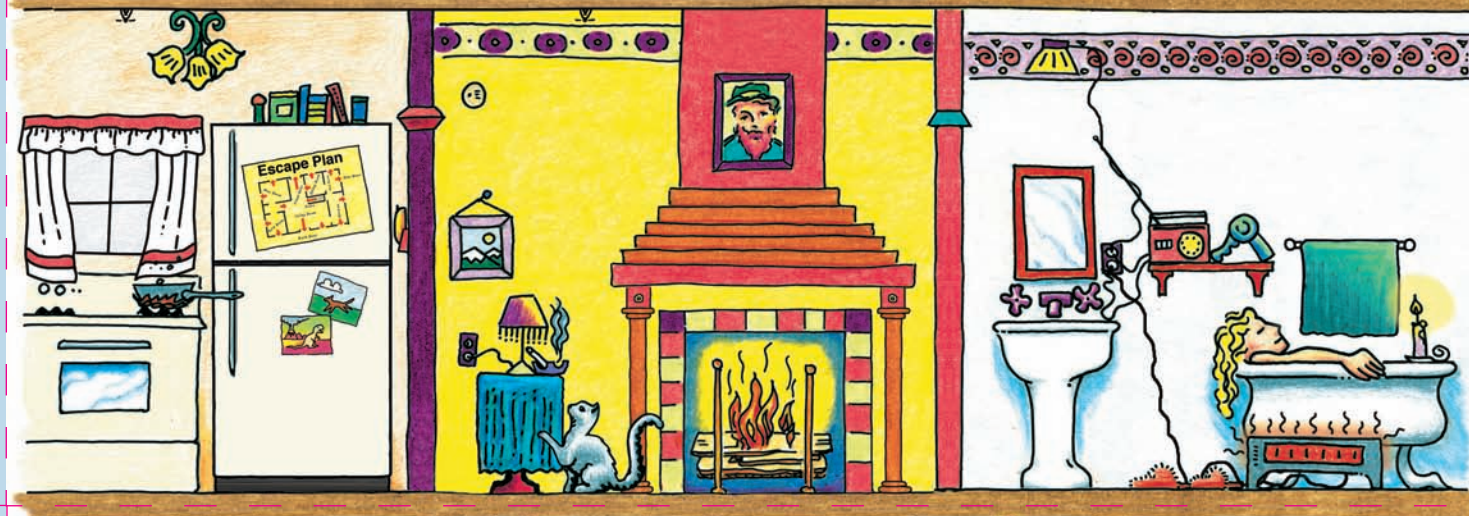
- When refilling a fuel-burning space heater, allow the appliance to cool first and then fill outside. Always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.

Safe Cooking Practices

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with the heat source.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains—away from your stovetop.

In the event of a fire, remember that every second counts, so you and your family must always be prepared.

Prepare and practice your fire escape plan twice a year.



In this home, there are 8 fire safety devices and 11 fire hazards.

Find all of them using this fire safety checklist.

Answers are on the back.

Safe Smoking Practices

- If you smoke, use only "fire-safe" cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Put them out in water or sand.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials in a locked cabinet up high out of the reach of children.
- Never smoke in a home where medical oxygen is used.

- Never overload outlets.
- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn or knock over. Consider using electric or battery operated "flameless" candles.

Home Fire Escape Plan

- Develop and practice a fire escape plan. Draw a map of each level of the home. Show all windows and doors, and plan two routes out of each room.
- Familiarize children with the sound of the smoke alarm; teach them how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Have a planned meeting place outside the home where emergency personnel can see you. Never go back inside.

Home Fire Safety

- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.
- Check electrical cords often. Replace cracked, damaged and loose electrical cords.

Take some time to walk through your home and use this checklist to make sure your home is fire safe!

Is Your Home Fire Safe?

Quiz Answers

Fire Safety Devices

Bedroom

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

Kitchen

- Sprinkler
- Fire escape plan displayed on fridge

Living Room

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

Basement

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

Fire Hazards

Bathroom

- Heater can be knocked over
- Overloaded outlet
- Lit candle near towel rack
- Slippers in front of heater

Bedroom

- Child playing with matches

Kitchen

- Cooking food unattended
- Curtains too close to stovetop

Living Room

- Unattended cigarette on table
- No screen in front of fireplace

Basement

- Combustible materials next to open flame in water heater
- Frayed wire on light bulb

For more information about how to keep your home and family safe from fire, contact us at:



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Can you find all 8 fire safety devices
and 11 fire hazards in this house?