



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

| Check yes or no, then add up the total to find your score. | Yes | No |
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| INSIDE THE HOME | | |
| DETECTORS (check manufacturer's instructions on alarm installation, testing, maintenance and replacement requirements) | | |
| There are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home. | | |
| Smoke/carbon monoxide alarms are tested once per month. | | |
| Batteries are replaced yearly. | | |
| You can hear all alarms in the home, especially in sleeping areas. | | |
| Smoke alarms more than 10 years old are replaced. | | |
| ESCAPE PLANNING | | |
| Family/residents have prepared and practised a home fire escape plan, including meeting place. | | |
| Everyone knows what to do once a fire starts, including those who help children, seniors and pets. | | |
| Everyone knows two exits from each bedroom or sleeping area. | | |
| Entrances are free and clear of obstructions. | | |
| Overnight guests are aware of the home escape plan and meeting place. | | |
| Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe phone outside the residence. | | |
| Everyone knows to get out and stay out. No one goes back in. | | |
| KITCHEN | | |
| Cooking is never left unattended. | | |
| Appliances are checked for cracked/worn electrical cords. | | |
| Countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use. | | |
| Curtains and towels are clear of heat sources. | | |
| There is an ABC fire extinguisher near the kitchen. | | |
| LIVING AREAS | | |
| Cracked/worn electrical cords are replaced as needed. | | |
| Electrical outlets are never overloaded. | | |
| Wires or electrical cords do not run under carpets/rugs. | | |
| Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring. | | |
| Gas and/or wood fireplaces have screens. | | |
| Gas appliances are inspected annually. | | |
| Wood fireplace chimneys are cleaned annually. | | |
| Electronics have airspace to prevent overheating. | | |
| Portable heaters are away from doorways, combustibles and high-traffic areas. | | |
| Hallways are clear of obstructions. | | |
| Candles are extinguished when you leave the room or LED battery-operated candles are used. | | |

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| BEDROOMS | | |
| Lamps are clear of combustibles like curtains or clothing. | | |
| Bedroom doors are closed at night (this can save your life). | | |
| Candles are extinguished before sleep or LED battery-operated candles are used. | | |
| Windows open easily (security bars are quickly and easily opened from the inside). | | |
| Second- and third-level bedrooms have escape ladders. | | |
| A phone is near your bed (landline or cell phone). | | |
| No one smokes in bed. | | |
| BASEMENT | | |
| Electrical panel is clear of obstructions. | | |
| Furnace and hot water tank are clear of obstructions and combustibles. | | |
| No flammables are stored in the furnace room. | | |
| Clean lint from dryer vent after each use. | | |
| GARAGE | | |
| Gasoline is stored in an approved container in the shed, not in an attached garage. | | |
| Used rags are stored in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. | | |
| A fire extinguisher is located in the garage. | | |
| Garage is kept clear of sawdust/wood shavings. | | |
| No car is ever left idling in the garage. | | |
| OTHER | | |
| Matches and lighters are always out of the reach of children. | | |
| Important papers (e.g. documents, identification, heirlooms) are in a fire-resistant safe. | | |
| OUTSIDE THE HOME | | |
| Cigarettes are never extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch. | | |
| Barbeques and firepits are a safe distance from the house and from combustibles (siding, decks, etc.). | | |
| Children stay a safe distance from barbeques and firepits. | | |
| Firepits are never left unsupervised. | | |
| There is no debris or dead vegetation near the house. | | |
| Trees are pruned and thinned to reduce fuel potential. | | |
| Woodpiles are stacked away from the house. | | |
| Branches hanging over or touching the roof are trimmed back. | | |

HOW FIRE SMART ARE YOU?

53 “yes” answers – Grade: A

Incredible, you should be a firefighter!

47 to 52 “yes” answers – Grade: B

Excellent, just a few safety improvements to make.

41 to 46 “yes” answers – Grade: C+

Getting there, but definitely room for improvement.

40 and under – Grade: C

You and your family have some serious safety work to do. Make this a priority.