

# Residential Home Fire Safety Check List

- Have and maintain working and up to date (10 yr. or less) smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers.
  - On each level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas
  - Change your smoke detector batteries twice a year
  - Test monthly
- Talk with family members about a fire escape plan for your home and practice.
  - Have two ways out of every room
  - Ensure windows are able to open
  - GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP
- Plan a meeting place outside for your family in case of fire.
- Display large address numbers of a contrasting color visible from the roadway.
  - See reflective address signs inside brochure
- Store matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.
- Have your furnace inspected by a qualified technician every year.
- Change furnace filters per manufacturer's specifications.
- Have fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned yearly (depending on usage).
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from flammable items.
- Turn off space heaters and blow out candles before leaving home or going to bed.
- Check electrical cords for damage. Do not run electrical cords underneath rugs or furniture. Do not overload outlets. Use multiple plug power strips with built in circuit breakers and surge protectors.
- Store cleaning products, aerosol cans, and flammable liquids away from sources of heat.
- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer every time you use the dryer.



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