

HOME SAFETY VISIT PROGRAM



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

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Check **YES**, **NO** or **N/A**, then add up your total to find out your score

	Yes	No	N/A
Inside the home			
Smoke Alarms*			
• There are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home.			
• Test smoke/carbon monoxide alarms once per month.			
• Batteries are replaced yearly if your alarms are not hardwired.			
• You can hear all alarms in the home, especially in sleeping areas.			
• Smoke alarms more than 10 years old are replaced.			
* Check manufacturer's instructions on alarm installation, testing, maintenance and replacement requirements.			
Escape planning			
• Family/residents have prepared and practiced a home fire escape plan, including meeting place.			
• Everyone knows what to do once a fire starts, including who helps children, older adults 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.			
• Check for cracked/worn electrical cords on appliances.			
• Countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use.			
• Curtains and towels are clear of heat sources.			
• There is a 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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Bedroom			
• 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.			
• The furnace room stores no flammables.			
Garage			
• Gasoline is stored in an approved container in the shed, NOT in the 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.			

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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, deck, 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.			
Your Total			

YOUR GRADE:

53 “yes” answers - Your Grade: A
You should be a firefighter! - Incredible

47 to 52 “yes” answers - Your Grade: B
Excellent! Just a few safety improvements to make.

41 to 46 “yes” answers - Your Grade: C+
Getting there, but there’s definitely room for improvement.

40 and under - Your Grade: C
You and your family have some serious safety work to do. Make this a priority.

