



Home Fire-Safety Checklist

Cooking Safety

- "Keep an eye on what you fry." Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or using an open flame.

Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.

- "Keep 3 feet from the heat." Keep furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.

Smoking Safety

- Never smoke in bed.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Ensure that large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets. Do not use flimsy extension cords!

Children Playing

- Ensure that matches and lighters are locked away.

Smoke Alarms

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Once turned on, you should keep them on.
- Replace smoke alarms & batteries in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

- Carbon Monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. Make sure you have working CO alarms.
- Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, get fresh air immediately, and then call 911.
- Ensure that heating systems (including chimney and vents) are inspected and serviced annually.

Home Fire Escape Plan

- Practice 2-minute drills. If there's fire or smoke, make sure everyone can escape your home in 2 minutes or less.

The Home-Fire Safety Checklist is adapted from the American Red Cross.

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