

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Use this checklist at least **once a year** to reduce fire risks and protect your household.
Check off each item as you review your home.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Smoke alarms installed on every level of the home
 - Smoke alarms installed outside all sleeping areas
 - Carbon monoxide alarms installed near bedrooms
 - All alarms are interconnected (when one sounds, all sound)
 - Alarms tested monthly
 - Batteries replaced twice a year
 - Smoke alarms replaced if older than 10 years
 - Everyone in the home recognizes the alarm sound
 - Smart smoke alarms connected to phone/app (2025 tech)
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Fire Extinguishers

- Fire extinguishers installed on every level of the home
 - Fire extinguishers placed near exits
 - Multi-purpose (ABC-rated) extinguishers used
 - All household members know how to use them
 - Extinguishers easily accessible and not expired
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Fire Escape Plan

- Written fire escape plan created
- Two escape routes identified from each bedroom
- Outdoor meeting place designated
- Emergency contacts written down
- Fire drills practiced at least twice per year
- Children taught “stop, drop, and roll”

Kitchen Fire Safety

- Cooking never left unattended
 - Stove and oven turned off when leaving kitchen
 - Loose clothing avoided while cooking
 - Flammable items kept away from stovetop
 - Stove knobs secured or removed (pets/children)
 - Grease fires never extinguished with water
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Smoking & Candle Safety

- Smoking allowed outdoors only
 - Never smoke in bed or while drowsy
 - Cigarettes fully extinguished before disposal
 - Candles never left unattended
 - Candles placed on stable, heat-resistant surfaces
 - Candles kept away from drafts
 - Flashlights used instead of candles during power outages
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Fireplaces & Space Heaters

- Chimney inspected and cleaned annually
 - Fireplace has a metal or mesh screen
 - Only dry, seasoned wood used
 - Fires never left unattended
 - Space heaters kept at least 3 feet from combustibles
 - Space heaters unplugged when sleeping or leaving room
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Electrical Safety

- Electrical wiring inspected when needed
- Damaged cords replaced immediately
- Cords not run under rugs or carpets

- Outlets not overloaded
 - GFCI and AFCI breakers installed where required
 - Smart plugs used for high-risk appliances (2025 tech)
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Garage & Storage Areas

- Gasoline stored in approved containers
 - Flammable liquids stored outside living areas
 - Combustible materials kept away from heat sources
 - Fuel spills cleaned immediately
 - Old mattresses not stored in home or garage
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Smart Fire Safety Technology (2025)

- Smart smoke & CO alarms installed
 - Smart plugs or shut-off devices in use
 - Home monitoring alerts enabled
 - Emergency notifications set for all adults
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Annual Review

- Checklist reviewed this year
 - Changes made after renovations or new appliances
 - New household members informed of fire safety plan
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Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____