

Home Safety Fire Checklist

You can reduce your family's risk of being harmed in a home fire by completing a fire safety inspection in your house, and correcting any problems you discover along the way. Everyone in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety, so take just 20 minutes to complete this activity together and make sure each person understands what they can do to help each other stay safe.

Level One: Hunt for the Hazards

Y	N	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are cooking areas free of materials that could catch fire?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are pot handles turned towards the back of the stove?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a "kid -free" zone of three feet (one metre) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are portable space heaters always turned off and when grown-ups leave the room or go to sleep?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has your family's heating equipment - chimneys, fireplaces, woodstoves, or furnaces been inspected by a professional this year?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are candles always blown out when grown-ups leave the room or go to bed?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are candles in candleholders that can't tip over easily and are big enough to catch dripping wax safely?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are matches and lighters kept in a locked cabinet, out of children's sight and reach?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids like gasoline, kerosene, or propane stored in safe containers, outside the home in a properly ventilated shed or garage?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If there are smokers in your home, do they douse all butts and ashes with water before throwing them away?



Level Two: Sound the Alarm

Y	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does your home have a working smoke alarm on every floor, and inside or near every sleeping area?

Are the batteries working in every smoke alarm? (Have a grown-up press the 'test' button to find out.)

Do you have any smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old? If so, or if you can't remember, have a grown-up replace them.

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Does everyone in your home know the sound of the smoke alarm and know exactly what to do if it goes off?

Level Three: It's Drill Time!

Y	N
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits (usually a door and a window) out of each room?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are exits in your home kept free of toys, furniture, and clutter?

Are there are infants or other family members with limited mobility, has someone been assigned to assist them in the event of a fire?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does your family practice the escape plan twice a year? (Why not practice it tonight!)

Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit the home?

Does everyone in your family know the fire department's emergency number to call once you're safely outside?

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Is your home's street number clearly visible from the street?

Did you post the High Score?

- If you answered 'yes' to all of the checklist questions above, congratulations! You and your family are doing a great job of teaming up for fire safety.
- If you answered 'yes' to 20 or more questions, you're on your way. Make sure to correct any problems, and you'll be 'home safe' before you know it.
- If you answered 'yes' to 15 or more questions, you've got some work to do! Work together to correct the problems, and then take the test again.
- If you answered 'yes' to fewer than 15 questions, it's definitely time to make some changes.
- Make sure your family takes the steps needed to turn every 'no' into a 'yes.' Remember: passing this test could save your life in the event of a home fire.

