

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Electrical Safety

- ☐ Avoid overloading outlets and power strips.
- ☐ Replace damaged cords immediately.
- ☐ Use extension cords only for temporary use.
- ☐ Have a licensed electrician inspect outdated wiring, aluminum wiring, or frequent breaker trips.

Kitchen Safety

- ☐ Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove.
- ☐ Keep a lid nearby to smother small greasefires.
- ☐ Keep flammable materials (towels, paper, curtains) away from stovetop.

Escape Planning

- ☐ Create a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- ☐ Practice your escape plan twice a year.
- ☐ Designate an outdoor meeting place a safe distance from the home.

Home Exterior & Property

- ☐ Keep roof, gutters, and yard clear of dry leaves and debris.
- ☐ Store firewood at least 20 feet from the home.
- ☐ Maintain defensible space in wildfire-prone areas (clear vegetation 30+ feet around home).
- ☐ Store flammable liquids in approved containers, outside of home if possible.
- ☐ Keep any flammable liquids away from heat sources.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- ☐ Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level of the home.
- ☐ Install CO alarms outside sleeping areas and on every level with fuel-burning appliances.
- ☐ Test alarms monthly.
- ☐ Replace batteries annually or as needed.
- ☐ Replace smoke alarms every 10 years and CO alarms per manufacturer instructions.

Heating & Appliances

- ☐ Have furnaces, boilers, and chimneys inspected annually.
- ☐ Keep flammable items at least 3 feet from space heaters.
- ☐ Never use ovens or stoves to heat the home.
- ☐ Clean dryer lint filter after each use and vent duct annually.

Fire Extinguishers

- ☐ Place at least one extinguisher on each level, plus one in the kitchen and garage.
- ☐ Ensure extinguishers are ABC-rated (for multiple fire types).
- ☐ Check gauge monthly to confirm pressure is in the green zone.

Candles & Open Flames

- ☐ Never leave candles or open flames unattended.
- ☐ Keep them away from flammable items, consider flameless candles.