



# Home Safety Checklist



## Smoke Alarms

- ☐ There is one smoke alarm on every level of the home and inside and outside each sleeping area.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

## Cooking Safety

- ☐ Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- ☐ Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside.
- ☐ Pots are not left unattended on the stove.

## Electrical & Appliance Safety

- ☐ Electrical cords do not run under rugs.
- ☐ Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked.
- ☐ Circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters are used for additional outlets.
- ☐ Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- ☐ Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean.

## Candle Safety

- ☐ Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- ☐ All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room.
- ☐ Children and pets are never left unattended with candles.

## Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

## Smoking Safety

- ☐ Family members who smoke only buy fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- ☐ Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight.
- ☐ Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from items that can catch fire.
- ☐ Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn.

## Heating Safety

- ☐ Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly.
- ☐ Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least 3 feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters.
- ☐ Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire.
- ☐ Extension cords are never used with space heaters.
- ☐ Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have tip-over shut-off function.

## Home Escape Plan

- ☐ Have two ways out of each room.
- ☐ Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke.
- ☐ Know that once you're out, stay out.
- ☐ Know where to meet after the escape.
- ☐ Meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out.
- ☐ Practice your fire escape plan.

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