



Philadelphia Fire Department

Home Fire Safety Checklist



PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

YES NO

- Does your family have a "Home Fire Escape Plan" with a pre-determined location to meet outside?
- Do you have at least one smoke alarm on each floor of your home?
- Do you test your 9-volt operated smoke alarms weekly and replace the battery yearly?
- Do you test your 10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarms weekly?
- Have you installed a carbon monoxide alarm near each sleeping area and are they tested weekly?

PLAN TO BE FIRE SAFE

- Do you always make sure that matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them?
- Have you made "Take Smoking Outside the Home" a safety rule for your family?
- Do you read the warning labels on all aerosol cans? Some propellants are highly flammable.
- If you have a family member in your home using oxygen is that person forbidden from smoking in the same room with oxygen equipment?

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- Are there enough electrical outlets in each room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?
- Do you have special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as air conditioners?
- Do you frequently check extension cords & appliance cords for wear?
- Do you avoid draping extension cords & wire over pipes or nails?

HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS

- Do you keep your basement, closets & attic cleared of combustibile materials?
- Do you keep paint, varnish & other metal containers tightly closed?
- Do you properly dispose of unwanted hazardous materials such as paint & varnish?
- Does everyone in your family know never to use gasoline or other flammable fluids for indoor cleaning?

HEATING & COOKING HAZARDS

- Do you always turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?
- Do you always refill the fuel tank of your portable heaters outdoors?
- Do you make sure that every portable heater is a safe distance away from curtains, bedding & furniture?
- Are your kitchen stove, oven & boiler kept clean of grease?
- Are curtains near kitchen ranges and heating equipment arranged so that curtains do not blow over or near the stove?
- Do you make sure food is not left on the stove unattended?
- Do you turn pot handles inward from the edge of the stove?

SPECIAL FOR PARENTS

- Do you keep matches & cigarette lighters out of children's reach?
- Do you leave a responsible person with your children when you go out (even for a short period of time)?
- Does your babysitter know what to do in case of a fire or medical emergency?
- Do you keep burning candles away from children and away from combustibles?

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FOR SMOKE ALARMS - CALL: SMOKE ALARM HOTLINE 215-686-1176
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