

Keeping Your Family Safe from Fire

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.
- All alarms in the home are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- All alarms are tested at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Everyone in the home knows the sound of every alarm.
- All alarms are less than 10 years old.
- The home fire escape plan is practiced twice a year.
- An automatic fire sprinkler system has been installed in a newly built or remodeled home.



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Checklist for Home Fire Prevention



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Cooking

- An adult should stay in the kitchen anytime food is cooking on the stovetop.
- Clean the stovetop - no grease, no spills, no clutter.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.



Smoking

- Ensure deep, sturdy ashtrays are provided for smokers.
- Matches and lighters should be kept up high in a locked closet.

Heating

- Space heaters are at least 3 feet from anything that can burn (walls, curtains, bedding or furniture).
- The chimney has been inspected or cleaned in the past 12 months.



- The heating system has been inspected or cleaned in the past 12 months.
- The fireplace has a glass screen large enough to catch sparks and cover fireplace opening.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located outside each sleeping area and in every level of the home.
- Smokers smoke outside.

Electrical

- Make sure electrical cords are in good condition.
- Ground –fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs), reduce the risk of shock by shutting off electricity when it becomes a shock hazard.
- Hardwired into the electrical systems or built into electrical outlets or extension cords.
- GFCIs are installed in areas in the home that have sinks or where water is present.



Danger
Electric
shock risk

- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), shut off the electricity when there is danger.
- Arcs can happen at loose connections or where wires or cords have been damaged.
- Can lead to high temperatures and sparking, possibly igniting things that can burn.
- A qualified electrician is called to do electrical work in the home.