

# **BE FIRE SAFE!**

Follow the checklist below to increase your chances of surviving a house fire.

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned once a month.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke alarm batteries are changed twice a year.                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke alarms are less than ten years old.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carbon monoxide alarms are on each level of your home.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carbon monoxide alarms are less than seven years old.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a safe escape plan, and practice it?                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have two ways out of each room?                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you know to crawl low below smoke?                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you know never to go back into a burning building for any reason? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a safe meeting place outside your home?                  |



## WHAT SHOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DO IF THERE IS A FIRE?



1. **Stay calm** - thinking clearly in an emergency is important for your safety.
2. **Get out quickly** - do not stop to gather valuables or to get dressed.
3. **Feel doors for heat** - do not open them if you feel heat or see smoke.
4. **Crawl low and escape quickly** - smoke and heat rises, getting below smoke will help you escape safely.
5. **Keep doors and windows closed** unless you need them for escape.
6. Meet at your **safe meeting place**.
7. **Call 9-1-1** and tell the dispatcher there is a fire emergency. Give your name and address.
8. **Never** go back inside a burning building for **any reason**.

## RESOURCES

U.S. Fire Administration:

[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

Red Cross:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

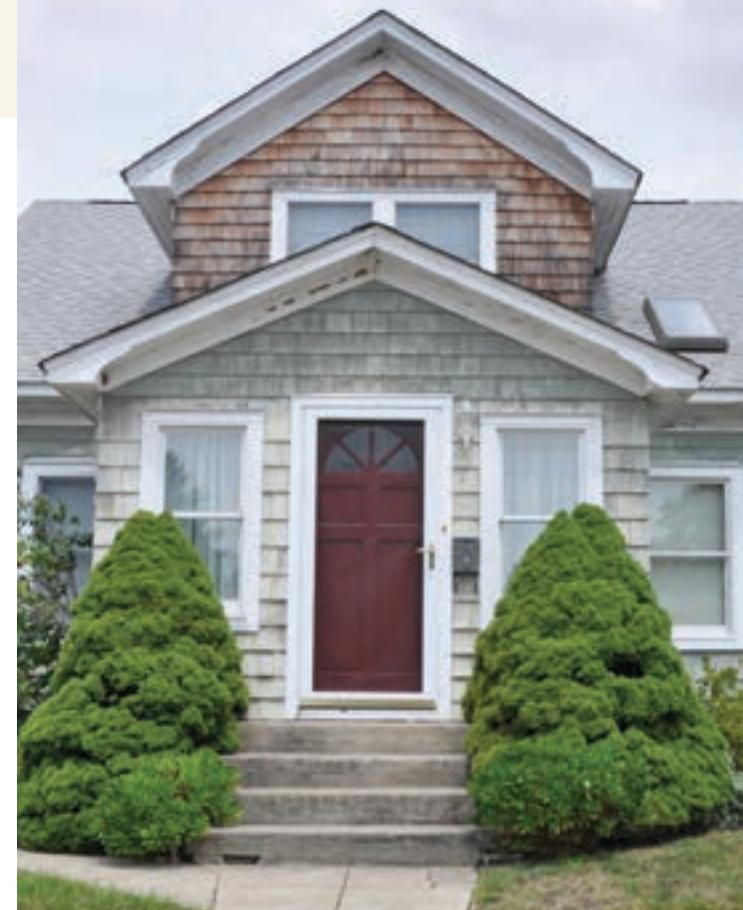
National Safety Council:

[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

HOME 

FIRE SAFETY 

CHECKLIST 



HOW TO KEEP  
YOUR HOME &  
FAMILY FIRE SAFE

# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

There are over 1 million fires reported in the United States each year. One home structure fire is reported every 86 seconds and a fire injury every 34 minutes.

How safe is your home from fire? Review the checklist below to see if your home has any hidden fire hazards. Any Box marked "No" is a fire hazard.

## MATCHES, LIGHTERS & SMOKING HAZARDS

- | YES                      | NO                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep matches and lighters away from heat sources such as stoves or heaters?          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep matches and lighters out of the reach of small children?                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you make sure matches and smoking materials are completely out before disposing of them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a No Smoking rule in your household?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are ashtrays emptied into containers that will not burn?                                    |



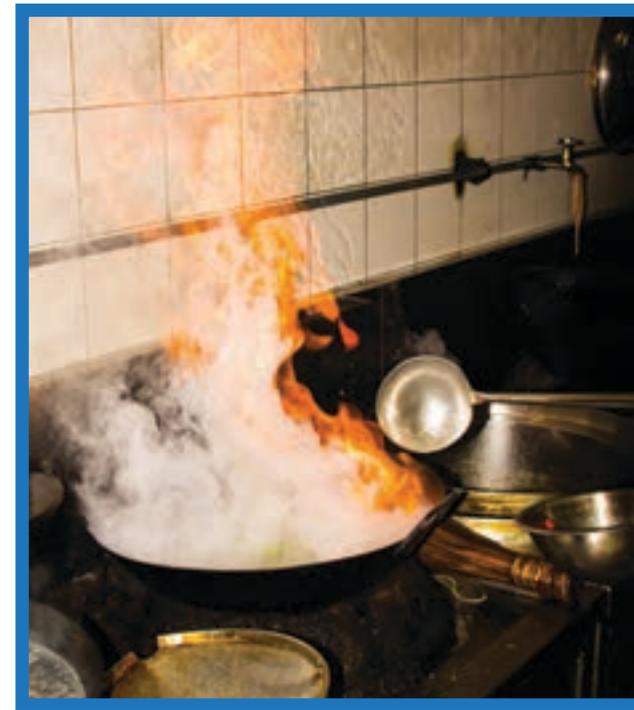
## ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- | YES                      | NO                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did only qualified electricians install or extend wiring in your home?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all your electrical cords being used safely? (i.e., Not under any rugs, frayed or broken, over hooks or through door openings.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there enough electrical outlets in every room?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters used to create additional outlets?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are large and small appliances plugged directly into the wall?  |



## KITCHEN HAZARDS

- | YES                      | NO                       |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your cooking area free from any items that can catch fire? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your kitchen hood clean and vented to the outside?         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always remain near the stove while cooking?            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you turn the stove/oven off before leaving the house?      |



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS

- | YES                      | NO                       |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep areas clear of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture and other flammable materials? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all oily rags disposed of properly? Destroyed or placed in metal cans?                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are paints and varnishes stored properly and tightly closed?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep your yard clear of leaves, debris and rubbish?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the clothes dryer lint filter and venting systems clean?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you turn the clothes dryer off before leaving your home?  |

