

Fire Prevention

If there is a fire in your home, do you know two ways out of each room? Do you have a place outside designated to meet the others from your home so you know that everyone is out? Where will you call the fire department from? Do you have working smoke detectors on every level of your home or are the batteries removed because someone burned dinner last week or didn't have a spare when the battery died and the detector started to "chirp."

Following the enclosed tips will help keep you safe.

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Make sure your house number is clearly displayed so fire and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.

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Fire Safety Checklist

- ☑ I have at least one smoke detector on every level of my home, including the basement.
- ☑ I have a smoke detector in each bedroom mounted on the ceiling near the closet, especially in rooms that children use.
- ☑ I test the batteries in the smoke detectors each month to make sure they are working properly.
- ☑ I have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, but if the fire grows too quickly I know it is best to just get out of the house and let the fire department take care of it.
- ☑ If I do use a fire extinguisher I call 9-1-1 **before I start** to get help on the way in case the fire gets out of hand and to make sure it is out completely.
- ☑ If I live in an apartment or multi-family home I pull the alarm during my evacuation to notify others.

- ☑ I check electrical and extension cords to make sure they are not frayed.
- ☑ I do not run electrical cords under carpets or over walkways.
- ☑ I do not overload my electrical outlets and use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets in the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and workshop.
- ☑ I do not smoke or let others smoke in my home.
- ☑ I am careful with candles and never leave them unsupervised.
- ☑ I keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible. I never leave it unattended nor do I use it to dry wet mittens or clothing.



- ☑ I make sure that flammable liquids are stored properly.
- ☑ I know two ways out of every room in my home and have a designated safe place to meet others outside.

Other Great Ideas

- ☑ Have a professional check your furnace and water heater to make sure it is working properly at least once every two years.



- ☑ Keep your smoke detectors free of dust by cleaning them as indicated on the “Use and Care Guide” that came with the unit.

- ☑ Many fire departments can provide you with a smoke detector and possibly even install it for you if you cannot afford one or are able to install yourself. Call your local fire department for more information.
- ☑ The best rule if there is a fire in your home is to “Get Out, Stay Out, then Get Help.”

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