

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Inside the Home

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors

- Detectors are properly mounted on every level of the home, including the basement, and outside of each sleeping area, as per manufacturer's instructions.
- Test detectors at least monthly.
- Clean detectors regularly, and replace batteries and detectors as per manufacturer's instructions.

Fire extinguishers

- An "ABC" rated fire extinguisher is available for kitchen, utility, and heating areas.

Kitchen – cooking

- Appliances are clean and in good condition.
- The cooking area is clean and clear of combustible materials.
- When cooking:
 - pot handles are turned inward so they can't be bumped;
 - the stove is not left unattended; and
 - a one-meter young child and pet-free zone is created around the stove/oven.

Electrical and appliances

- Electrical/extension cords are:
 - in good condition (not frayed or cracked and are appropriate for type of use);
 - do not run under rugs; and
 - are not near water.
- Appliances have double-insulated, two-prong or three-prong plugs.
- Dryer lint trap is cleaned before or after each use. A sign to clean the lint trap is posted near the dryer.

Heating

- Fireplace, wood stove, furnace and boiler are cleaned, serviced, and inspected annually.
- Chimney and furnace flues are cleaned and inspected annually.
- Fireplace and wood stove have metal screens or a door in place to catch sparks and embers.
- Hot ashes are kept in a metal container at least three metres from the side of the house.
- Fireplace, wood stove, furnace, water heater, and portable space heaters are at least one metre away from combustible objects.

Candles and smoking

- Matches and lighters are kept out of children's sight and reach.
- Candles are:
 - kept in a sturdy, fire-proof container that can't be tipped over;
 - not left unattended; and
 - are extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Smokers only purchase fire-safe cigarettes and, whenever possible, smoke outside.
- Ashtrays are fire-safe, sturdy, large, deep, and kept away from combustible items.
- Cigarettes are not left unattended and are extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed.

Other

- All inside doors open a full 90 degrees and are free from clutter.
- Hallways and stairs are free of clutter.
- Use light bulbs that are the appropriate wattage for their fixtures.
- Circuit breakers or fuses in service panel are proper size/capacity for the service provided.
- All gasoline, flammable liquids, and hazardous chemicals are stored in approved containers and away from ignition sources.
- Everyone in your home knows:
 - the emergency escape plan;
 - at least two ways out of the home; and
 - the designated meeting place.
- Everyone in your home participates in a fire escape drill at least once a year.
- Everyone in your home knows the emergency number (911 or 867-667-5555 on a satellite phone) to call for help.

Outside the home

- Address numbers are at least 12.7 centimeters / 5 inches tall and visible from the street or located on the front entrance or lot.
- All outside doors open a full 90 degrees and are free from clutter.
- Steps are free from clutter and trip hazards.
- All grills and barbecues are at least one meter away from the house.
- All outside vents and fresh air intakes are clear of debris.
- Chimney/furnace flue is free of debris (no ice in winter).
- Firewood is stacked at least three meters away from the side of the house.