

Home Safety Checklist



A Fire can occur in any part of your home

Use this checklist to make a safety check of your home

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burns
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- When barbecuing, move unit away from the house

Develop and Practice Your Escape Plan

- Have two exits out of every room
- Exit doors must be able to open in lock position from inside
- Have a meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- Stop, drop, cover and roll if clothes catch fire
- Crawl low under smoke
- Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency

Fire Extinguishers

- Have a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (Use P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
- Inspect extinguishers annually

Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- Use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children

Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping area and in hallways
- Test smoke alarms once a month (use a broom handle to reach & push test button)
- Depending on the batteries in your smoke alarm, replace smoke alarm batteries once a year (Use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder)
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years
- For information on carbon monoxide detectors, contact your Building & Fire departments



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Exterior

- Make house number visible from street (minimum three inches tall & reflective)
- Trim trees away from electrical wires (contact mobile park management)
- Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters
- Exterior decks, stairs and guardrails need to be maintained so they are secure
- Exterior door openings, stairs and landings to be free of items, so there are no trip hazards
- Keep skirting around homes secure

Housekeeping

- Keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages and yards
- Keep your clothes dryer vent clean and properly installed
- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
- Store hazardous materials, including paint in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels
- NEVER use flammable liquids to clean clothes or start fires
- Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite

Heating Equipment

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters once a year
- Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace
- Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater

Electrical Hazards

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- Maintain space around electrical equipment, such as, TV, VCR, stereo, etc.
- Avoid using multi outlet adapters and extension cords. Have a qualified electrician install more outlets if needed.
- If you must use extension cords, use an outlet strip with a built-in circuit breaker
- Are appliances checked periodically for good operating conditions?
- Replace broken receptacles and switches - use GFCI receptacles in kitchen and bathrooms
- Older mobile homes that have aluminum wiring need a special wire nut splice when changing receptacles.



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