

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Prevention						
General Fire Safety	Yes	No	Not Required	Comments		
Ask if anyone in the home smokes						
Where are ashtrays emptied?						
Check that clothing, bedding, furniture and floors are free of cigarette burns.						
Review the location that matches and lighters are stored in. Explain that they should be kept locked up and out of the reach of children.						
Is the stove clean and free of grease?						
Check for scorch marks on pots and pans.						
Are pot handles always turned inwards when cooking?						
Are children always supervised around cooking equipment and advised not to cook without adult supervision?						
Are paper towels, tea towels, curtains and other combustibles kept away from heat sources?						
Check electrical cords and plugs for damage and wear.						
Check to ensure that electrical cords are not run under carpet and or furniture.						
Check that only 15 amp fuses are being used.						
Is the chimney/furnace cleaned and checked annually?						
Are flammable liquids stored properly?						



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Detection							
Smoke Alarms	Yes	No	Not Required	Comments			
Does the home have a smoke alarm on every level?							
How often are smoke alarms tested? Test the smoke alarms.							
Have the smoke alarm batteries been changed in the past year? Demonstrate changing the batteries and have the home owner practice changing them.							
Can everyone in the house hear the smoke alarm?							
Does anyone sleep with bedroom doors closed or in bunk beds? If so, suggest smoke alarms be installed right inside the sleeping area.							
How old is the smoke alarm?							
For apartment dwellers, do you know the sound of the fire alarm and what to do when the alarm sounds?							
Escape							
Home Escape Planning	Yes	No	Not Required	Comments			
Explain the reasons for having a home escape plan.							
Show the family how to develop a home escape plan							
Are there two ways out in case of a fire?							
Does the family have an appropriate meeting place?							
Explain how smoke rises and demonstrate how to crawl under the smoke to safety.							