



HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

A safer home starts with you.

Use this checklist to keep your home and loved ones safe from fire.

HOMEOWNER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE: _____

INSPECTOR (OPTIONAL): _____



1. SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- ☐ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.
- ☐ Test smoke alarms once a month.
- ☐ Replace batteries at least once a year (or when the low battery chirp sounds). Use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder.
- ☐ Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- ☐ Install carbon monoxide alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

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2. ESCAPE PLANNING

- ☐ Have two ways out of every room.
- ☐ Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- ☐ Have a meeting place outside (a tree, mailbox, or light post).
- ☐ Practice your home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.
- ☐ If clothes catch fire: Stop, Drop, Cover, and Roll.
- ☐ In an emergency, call 9-1-1 from outside.

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3. COOKING SAFETY

- ☐ Never leave cooking unattended.
- ☐ Keep flammable items away from the stove.
- ☐ Turn pot handles inward and keep cuffs short or rolled up.
- ☐ Never store combustibles in the oven or on top of the stove.
- ☐ When using a grill, keep it outside, away from the house and anything that can burn.

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4. CANDLE & PET SAFETY

- ☐ Never leave candles, lamps, or space heaters unattended.
- ☐ Use battery-operated flameless candles when possible.
- ☐ Keep candles, lighters, and matches out of reach of children and pets.
- ☐ Keep pets away from cooking areas, fireplaces, and space heaters.
- ☐ Consider using a pet-friendly escape plan (leashes, carriers, pet rescue window/door sticker).

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5. HEATING EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- ☐ Never use space heaters to dry clothes.
- ☐ Have your heating system inspected annually.
- ☐ Keep fireplaces clean and use a sturdy screen.
- ☐ Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.

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6. ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- ☐ Avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.
- ☐ Inspect cords and appliances regularly for damage.
- ☐ Do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
- ☐ Use power strips with built-in circuit breakers.
- ☐ Consider having additional outlets installed by a qualified electrician if needed.

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7. HOUSEKEEPING

- ☐ Keep attics, garages, and yards clear of clutter and debris.
- ☐ Keep dryer vents clean and free of lint.
- ☐ Store chemicals, paints, and flammable liquids in proper containers with tight-fitting lids.
- ☐ Dispose of and recycle hazardous materials properly.
- ☐ Put oily rags in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid.

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8. LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

- ☐ Use and charge battery-powered devices according to manufacturer instructions.
- ☐ Use only the charger that came with the device.
- ☐ Do not charge batteries overnight or on soft surfaces.
- ☐ Stop using batteries that are swollen, damaged, or hot.
- ☐ Recycle batteries properly.

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9. OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- ☐ Make sure your house number is visible from the street (minimum 3" tall and reflective).
- ☐ Keep trees and shrubs trimmed away from the house and power lines.
- ☐ Keep roof, gutters, and eaves clear of leaves and debris.
- ☐ Keep porches, decks, and walkways clear of clutter and trip hazards.
- ☐ Keep skirting and exterior areas in good condition.

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ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS



Keep a working ABC fire extinguisher in an easily accessible location.



Teach everyone in your home how to use PASS: Pull the pin, Aim low, Squeeze the handle, Sweep side to side.



Review your insurance and keep important documents in a safe, easy-to-grab location.



Practice your escape plan with your household twice each year.



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