



# HOME SAFETY FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST

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## COOKING SAFETY

- Keep cooking area free from items that can catch fire
- Do not keep pots and pans unattended on the stove; turn handles away from front of stove
- Double check to make sure your burners are off on your gas stove

## ELECTRICAL & APPLIANCE SAFETY

- Do not run electrical cords under rugs
- Maintain electric and gas stoves in good operating condition
- Check if electrical cords are frayed or cracked
- Use only circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters for additional outlets.
- Check that large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets; off if not used
- Clean clothes dryer lint filter and venting system

## CANDLE SAFETY

- Use only sturdy fire-proof containers that won't tip over for candles
- Make sure that candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room
- Do not leave grandchildren or pets unattended with candles burning

## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Install mandatory Carbon Monoxide Alarms on every level of your home
- Recommend replacing Carbon Monoxide alarms **after seven years**

## FLAMMABLES IN THE GARAGE AND OUTSIDE

- Avoid storing combustible materials like paint cans near a water heater, car or garbage can.
- Remove leaves and needles from roof and gutters; cut back overhanging tree branches

## SMOKE ALARMS

- Test and clean smoke alarms monthly
- Check and replace batteries annually
- Consider replacing smoke alarms **after ten years**
- Do not modify the garage door entry into your house as this is a fire rated door

## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Equip your home with a multi-purpose fire extinguisher (those labeled "B-C" or "A-B-C") a five-pound size or greater. Fire extinguishers need service or replacement after any use, and, if equipped with an indicator, when the indicator needle is outside of the green/normal (charged) range. Dry chemical fire extinguishers should be shaken once a month to keep the powder from settling (check manufacturers recommendations). Extinguishers should be placed in a central location. Often at or near an interior door leading to a garage is a good space and a second fire extinguisher possibly in close proximity to your kitchen stove. The Fire Department does not service fire extinguishers.

## ESCAPE PLAN

- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke
- Once you're out, **STAY OUT**
- Know where to meet after escape
- Meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out
- Make sure every household member is familiar the plan