

# Philadelphia Fire Department



## Home Fire Safety Checklist

### PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

- ✓ Do you have at least one smoke alarm on each floor of your home?
- ✓ Do you test your 9-volt operated smoke alarms weekly and replace the battery yearly?
- ✓ Do you test your 10-year lithium battery operated smoke alarms weekly?
- ✓ Have you installed a carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of each sleeping area and are they tested weekly?
- ✓ Does your family have a "Home Fire Escape Plan" with a pre-determined location to meet outside?

YES/NO


### PLAN TO BE FIRE SAFE

- ✓ Do you always make sure that matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them?
- ✓ Have you made "Take Smoking Outside the Home" a safety rule for you family?
- ✓ Do you read the warning labels on all aerosol cans? Some propellants are highly flammable.
- ✓ If you have a family member in your home using oxygen is smoking forbidden in the same room with the oxygen equipment?


### ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- ✓ Are there enough electrical outlets in each room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?
- ✓ Do you have special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as air conditioners?
- ✓ Do you frequently check extension cords and appliance cords for wear?
- ✓ Do you avoid draping extension cords and wire over pipes or nails?


### HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS

- ✓ Do you keep your basement, closets and attic clear of combustible materials?
- ✓ Do you keep paint, varnish and other metal containers tightly closed?
- ✓ Do you properly dispose of unwanted hazardous materials such as paint and varnish?
- ✓ Does everyone in your family know never to use gasoline or other flammable fluids for indoor cleaning?


### HEATING AND COOKING HAZARDS

- ✓ Do you always turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?
- ✓ Do you always refill the fuel tank of your portable heaters outdoors?
- ✓ Do you make sure that every portable heater is a safe distance away, at least 3 feet, from combustibles, such as, bedding and furniture?
- ✓ Are your kitchen stove, oven and broiler kept clean of grease?
- ✓ Are curtains near kitchen ranges and heating equipment arranged so that curtains do not blow over or near the stove?
- ✓ Do you make sure food that is cooking is not left on the stove unattended?
- ✓ Do you turn pot handles inward from the edge of the stove?


### SPECIAL FOR PARENTS

- ✓ Do you keep matches and cigarette lighters out of the reach of children?
- ✓ Do you leave a responsible person with your children when you go out (even for a short time)?
- ✓ Does your babysitter know what to do in case of a fire or medical emergency?
- ✓ Do you keep burning candles away from children and away from combustibles?


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FOR SMOKE ALARMS, CALL: 311  
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