



Room-by-room fire prevention checklist

It's important to talk about fire safety in your home and to review your emergency plan often. Review this room-by-room checklist to help you stay safe at home.

Household Smoke Alarms

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. Put smoke alarms in or near rooms where people sleep.
- Test smoke alarms each month. Change batteries once a year or sooner if the alarm chirps.

Kitchen

The kitchen is the number one room in the home where fires start.

- Maintain a 3-foot, kid-free safety zone around the stove when you're cooking.
- Keep a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen and make sure everyone knows how to use it.
- Keep paper towels, dishtowels and other flammables far away from the stove.
- Never leave cooking food unattended on the stovetop or under the broiler.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach.

Living Room

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually if you plan to use it.
- Maintain a 3-foot safety zone around the fireplace, and use a fire-proof screen in front of your fireplace.
- Keep lamps and candles away from drapes and fabrics, and never leave lit candles unattended.

Bedroom

- Never drape scarves or clothing over lamps and space heaters.
- Place space heaters at least three feet away from bedding, furniture and other flammable items.
- Keep extension cords out from under rugs, and be sure electrical cords are not pinched under doors, cabinets or furniture.
- Be sure secondary exits such as windows are not blocked and easy to open.

Bathroom

- Don't overload outlets with too many appliances.
- Keep curling irons and hair dryers away from flammable materials.

Laundry Room

- Clean your dryer's lint filter before each use.
- Shut off the dryer whenever you leave the house.

Basement

- Have your furnace cleaned and inspected annually.
- Store paint, old newspapers and other flammable items away from the furnace and hot water heater.

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