

PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Home Fire Safety Checklist

For one & two family dwellings

FOR FIRE OR
MEDICAL EMERGENCY,
DIAL 9-1-1

Plan to get out alive

YES NO

- ✓ Do you have a home fire escape plan with a pre-determined location to meet outside? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Is there at least one smoke alarm, on each floor, in your home? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you test your smoke alarms monthly? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Is the battery replaced yearly? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Is your smoke alarm less than 10 years old? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Plan to be fire safe

- ✓ Do you make sure matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Is "No Smoking in Bed" a rule in your home? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you read the warning labels on aerosol cans? - some propellants are highly flammable. ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ If you have a family member using oxygen at home, do you prohibit smoking in the same room with oxygen equipment? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Electrical hazards

- ✓ Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you have special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as air conditioners? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Are all extension and appliance cords checked frequently for wear? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you avoid draping wires and extension cords over pipes or nails? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Housekeeping hazards

- ✓ Do you keep your basement, closets, and attic cleared of combustible materials? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ If you store paint, varnish, etc., do you keep the metal containers tightly closed? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Has everyone in your family been warned never to use gasoline or other flammable fluids for cleaning anything indoors? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Heating and cooking hazards

- ✓ Do you always turn off portable heaters when you go to bed? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you always refill the fuel tank of your portable heaters outdoors? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you see that every portable heater is placed well away from curtains, bedding, furniture, etc.? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Is your kitchen range, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Are curtains near kitchen ranges and heating equipment arranged so that curtains do not blow over or near the stove? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Does your family's everyday cooking habits include not leaving food on the stove unattended and keeping pot handles turned in from the stove's edge? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Special for parents

- ✓ Do you keep matches out of the reach of children? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you leave a responsible person with your children when you go out (even for a short period of time)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ When you employ a babysitter, do you instruct them what to do in case of fire or medical emergency? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- ✓ Do you keep candles away from children, combustibles and never leave candles unattended or burning while sleeping? ☐ YES ☐ NO

