

## Fire Safety Checklist

### Smoke Alarms

- Place smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home including the basement. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home for best protection. When one sounds, they all sound.

### Safe Heating Practices

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment and have a 3-foot "child and pet-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Only purchase and use portable space heaters from a recognized testing laboratory with an automatic shut-off so if they tip over they will shut off.
- Turn space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug space heaters directly into the wall socket and never into an extension cord or power strip.

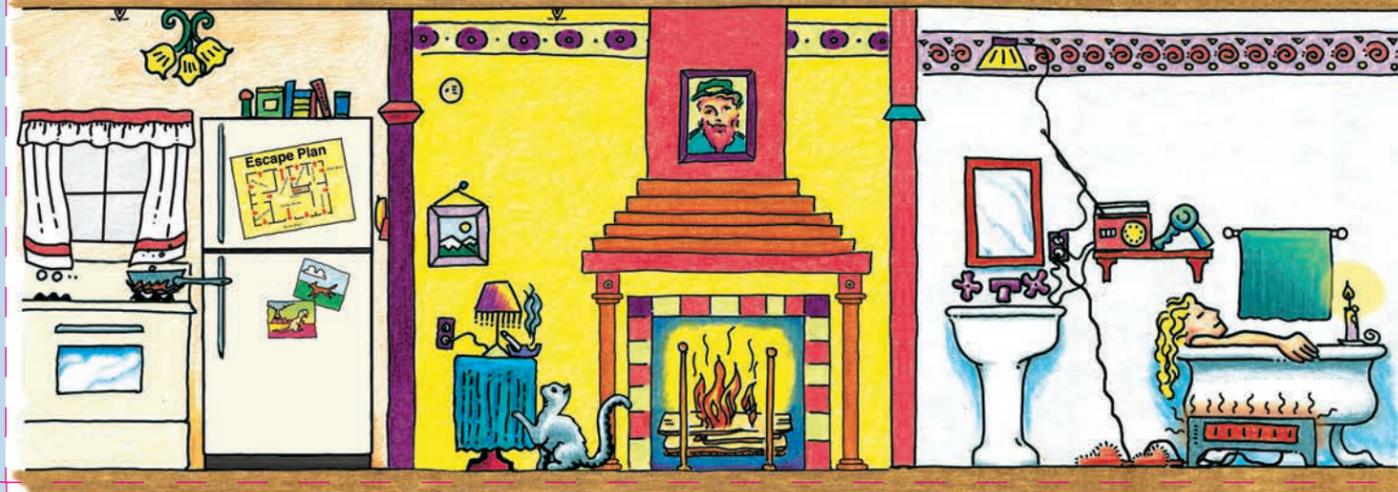
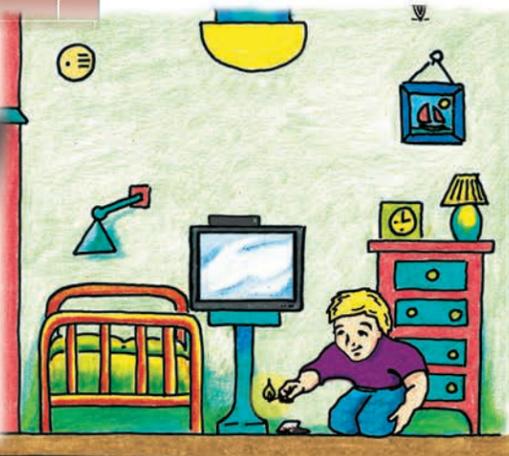
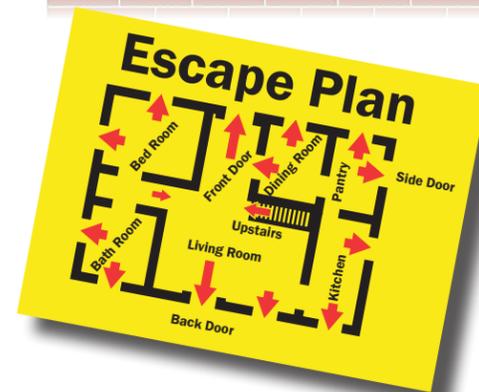
- When refilling a fuel-burning space heater, allow the appliance to cool first and then fill outside. Always use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.

### Safe Cooking Practices

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with the heat source.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains—away from your stovetop.

**In the event of a fire, remember that every second counts, so you and your family must always be prepared.**

**Prepare and practice your fire escape plan twice a year.**



**In this home, there are 8 fire safety devices and 11 fire hazards.**

**Find all of them using this fire safety checklist.**

**Answers are on the back.**

### Safe Smoking Practices

- If you smoke, use only "fire-safe" cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Put them out in water or sand.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials in a locked cabinet up high out of the reach of children.
- Never smoke in a home where medical oxygen is used.

- Never overload outlets.
- Avoid using lighted candles. If you must use candles, place them in sturdy candleholders that won't burn or knock over. Consider using electric or battery operated "flameless" candles.

### Home Fire Escape Plan

- Develop and practice a fire escape plan. Draw a map of each level of the home. Show all windows and doors, and plan two routes out of each room.
- Familiarize children with the sound of the smoke alarm; teach them how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.

### Home Fire Safety

- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.
- Check electrical cords often. Replace cracked, damaged and loose electrical cords.
- Have a planned meeting place outside the home where emergency personnel can see you. Never go back inside.

**Take some time to walk through your home and use this checklist to make sure your home is fire safe!**

# Is Your Home Fire Safe?

## Quiz Answers

### Fire Safety Devices

#### Bedroom

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

#### Kitchen

- Sprinkler
- Fire escape plan displayed on fridge

#### Living Room

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

#### Basement

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

### Fire Hazards

#### Bathroom

- Heater can be knocked over
- Overloaded outlet
- Lit candle near towel rack
- Slippers in front of heater

#### Bedroom

- Child playing with matches

#### Kitchen

- Cooking food unattended
- Curtains too close to stovetop

#### Living Room

- Unattended cigarette on table
- No screen in front of fireplace

#### Basement

- Combustible materials next to open flame in water heater
- Frayed wire on light bulb

For more information about how to keep your home and family safe from fire, contact us at:



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Can you find all 8 fire safety devices  
and 11 fire hazards in this house?