

**Use this checklist to inspect your home for some of the leading causes of fire.**

### **Kitchen tips**



- ✓ Does an adult stay in the kitchen when something's cooking on the stove?
- ✓ Is your stove top clean — no grease, no spills, no clutter?
- ✓ When you cook, do you turn pot handles in toward the back of the stove?

### **Smoking materials**



- ✓ If anyone smokes in your home, do you have large, deep, non-tip, non-combustible ashtrays?
- ✓ Are matches and lighters locked up high, out of sight and reach?
- ✓ Are cigarette and cigar butts and ashes soaked with water before throwing them away?

**In new construction, you're required to install smoke alarms inside each bedroom.**

- ✓ Are any smoke alarms in your home more than 10 years old? *(If so, replace them.)*
- ✓ Does your family have a home fire escape plan, and do you practice it every six months?
- ✓ Are your portable fire extinguishers fully charged?

**NFPA recommends that your smoke alarms be wired together so if one goes off, they all go off.**



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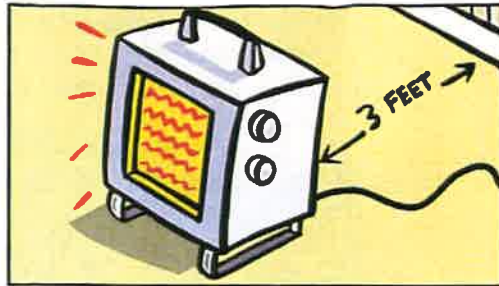
# **Home Fire Prevention Checklist**



**Keeping your family safe from fire**



## Safe and warm

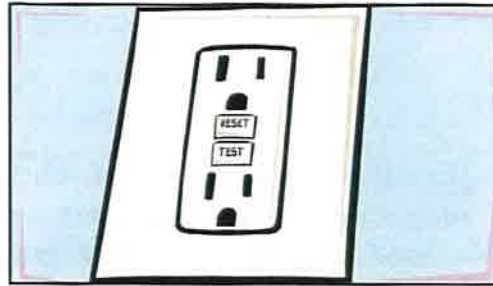


- ✓ Are space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, sofas and anything else that can burn?
- ✓ Has your chimney been inspected or cleaned in the past 12 months?
- ✓ If you have a fireplace, does it have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- ✓ Has your heating system been professionally inspected or serviced in the past 12 months?



## House wiring

- ✓ Do the tripping points of your fuses or circuit breakers match the capacity of the circuits they protect?  
*(Have them inspected professionally.)*



- ✓ Are bathroom and kitchen wall outlets protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs)?
- ✓ Does your local safety code require the use of arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which detect abnormal arcing in a circuit?

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**Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home. Sprinklers can contain or put out a fire in less time than it takes the fire department to arrive.**

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## Hazardous materials

- ✓ Are paints, gasoline, and other flammable liquids stored away from flames and sparks?
- ✓ Is gasoline stored outside the home in a separate shed or garage?
- ✓ Is your storage area clean — no oily rags, used paint, or varnish rags?



## Home protection checklist

- ✓ Do you have smoke alarms installed on every floor of your home?
- ✓ Is there an alarm near or inside every sleeping area?
- ✓ Do your smoke alarms work? *(Do you test them once a month and replace batteries at least once a year?)*
- ✓ Does everyone in your home know the sound of your smoke alarms?

