



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Outside the Home

Address numbers are at least 12.7 centimeters (5 inches) tall and visible from the street or located on the front entrance/lot.

YES NO

All outside doors open a full 90 degrees and are free from clutter.

YES NO

Steps are free from clutter and trip hazards.

YES NO

All grills and BBQs are at least one metre away from the house.

YES NO

All outside vents and fresh air intakes are clear of debris.

YES NO

Chimney/furnace flue is free of debris (no ice in winter).

YES NO

Firewood is stacked at least three metres away from the side of the house.

YES NO

Inside the Home

Smoke Detectors & Carbon Monoxide Detectors



Detectors are properly mounted on every level of the home, including the basement and outside of each sleeping area, as per manufacturer's instructions.

YES NO

Replace batteries and detectors as per manufacturer's instructions and test detectors at least monthly.

YES NO

Detectors are cleaned regularly, as per manufacturer's instructions.

YES NO

Fire Extinguishers

An "ABC" rated fire extinguisher is available for kitchen, utility and heating areas.

YES NO

Electrical & Appliances

Electrical/extension cords are in good condition (not frayed or cracked and are appropriate for type of use).

YES NO

Electrical/extension cords do not run under rugs and are not near water.

YES NO

Appliances have double-insulated two-prong or three-prong (grounded) plug-in.

YES NO

Dryer lint trap is cleaned before or after each use. A sign to clean the lint trap is posted near the dryer.

YES NO

Kitchen - Cooking

Appliances are clean and in good condition.

YES NO

The cooking area is clean and clear of combustible materials.

YES NO

When cooking: pot handles are turned inward so they can't be bumped; the stove is not left unattended; and a one metre "child free" zone is created around the stove/oven.

YES NO



Heating

Fireplace, wood stove, furnace and boiler are cleaned, serviced, and inspected annually.

YES NO

Chimney and furnace flues are cleaned and inspected annually.

YES NO

Fireplace and wood stove have metal screens or door in place to catch sparks and embers.

YES NO



Hot ashes are kept in a metal container at least three metres from the side of the house.

YES NO

Fireplace, wood stove, furnace, water heater, and portable space heaters all have at least a one metre clearance from combustible objects.

YES NO

Candles & Smoking

Matches and lighters are kept out of children's sight and reach.

YES NO

Candles are kept in a sturdy fire-proof container that can't be tipped over.

YES NO

Candles are extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed and are not left unattended.

YES NO



Smokers only purchase fire-safe cigarettes and, whenever possible, smoke outside.

YES NO

Ashtrays are fire-safe, sturdy, large, deep and kept away from combustible items.

YES NO

Cigarettes are extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed and are not left unattended.

YES NO

Other

All inside doors open a full 90 degrees and are free from clutter.

YES NO

Hallways and stairs are free of clutter.

YES NO

Use light bulbs that are the correct wattage for their fixtures.

YES NO

Circuit breakers or fuses in service panel are the proper size/capacity for the service provided.

YES NO

All gasoline, flammable liquids and hazardous chemicals are stored in approved containers and away from ignition sources.

YES NO

Everyone in the home knows the emergency escape plan and designated meeting place, as well as at least two ways out of the home.

YES NO

Everyone in the home participates in a fire escape drill at least once a year.

YES NO

Everyone in the home knows the emergency number (911 or other) to call for help.

YES NO