



More fires happen in the home than anywhere else. Yet we all tend to think "It won't happen to us!". No one ever expects to have a fire in their home.

Please take some time to use this issue of Safety Lines to make sure your home is fire and burn safe! Take your children with you as you inspect each area, and place a check mark in each box for each "true" statement. Ask older children to help you decide the best way to correct each statement that you are not able to check off. Then...make sure you correct each hazard!

Safety Lines

KITCHEN:

- Toasters, microwaves, grills, etc. are stored away from the edge of the counter.
- Cords of appliances do not hang down where children can reach them.
- Nothing that can catch fire, such as paper towels, dish towels, etc., is stored in the oven or above the stove top burners.
- When cooking, pot handles are turned toward the back of the stove.
- Children's snacks are stored in an area away from the stove.
- When cooking, pot holders and oven mitts are used to protect yourself from burns. Dish towels are never used as pot holders.
- A large lid is kept within reach when frying to extinguish grease fires.
- Cooking food is never left unattended.



LIVING ROOM:

- Outlets are not overloaded with electrical plugs.
- Electrical cords are not covered by carpets.
- Candles are in jars or secure holders, and are well out of reach of children and pets. Candle wicks should be trimmed to 1/4 inch before each use.
- Fireplace openings are protected with safety screens. Glass fireplace doors are gated to prevent small children and pets from contacting them.
- Matches and lighters are hidden and stored in a safe place out of the reach of children.
- All cords are in good condition. There are no damaged or frayed electrical cords.



CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

- Carbon monoxide detectors are installed in your home if you burn wood, oil, gas, propane, or kerosene for heat or cooking, or if you have an attached garage.

LAUNDRY AREA:

- Dryer vents, exhaust hoses, and filters are free from lint.
- Detergents are stored out of the reach of children.



GARAGE/BASEMENT:

- Gasoline and all other fuels are stored properly in appropriate containers and never inside the house.
- All car cleaning products, lubricating oils and fluids are stored out of the reach of children in original, tightly-closed containers, away from ignition sources.
- Motor vehicle engines are "warmed up" outdoors only, never inside the garage.
- Kerosene space heaters are filled outdoors and only with the recommended fuel.
- All electric tools are unplugged when not in use.
- Nothing flammable, like cardboard boxes, holiday decorations, or clothing, are stored near a heat source or pilot light.
- Fire escape routes are clear and free of clutter.



SMOKE ALARMS...

- ...are installed on every level of your home.
- ...are installed on the ceiling just outside of every bedroom door.
- ...are dusted and vacuumed regularly.
- Battery operated smoke alarms are tested every month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed once a year.
- Batteries are never removed from smoke alarms for any reason.
- Smoke alarms are replaced every ten years.



Cut on the dotted line below and hang the "Smoke Alarm Monthly Test" card on your refrigerator to remind you to test your smoke alarms EVERY MONTH!

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

- Emergency phone numbers and other important information are posted close to the phone.
- You have an emergency escape plan for your home, and you practice it at least twice a year! Your plan includes two ways out of every room, and an outdoor meeting place.
- You have alternate routes planned for your escape if the main routes are blocked.
- Someone from the family is responsible for helping small children and handicapped family members.

Older children in the home are aware of how to appropriately do the following:

- Report a fire by calling 911.
- Give their name and telephone number; identify the problem (fire, number of people trapped, etc.)
- Provide address and location.

OTHER:

- There is at least one charged fire extinguisher available, in or near the kitchen.



If there are smokers in the household, they:

- ...avoid smoking in bed, when tired or ill, or when consuming alcohol or taking medication that makes them drowsy.
- ...use large, sturdy ashtrays with flat, non-slip bottoms.
- ...check the area for lit cigarettes and/or ashes after people who have been smoking leave the room.

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SMOKE ALARM MONTHLY TEST

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**Check (✓) box after testing all
smoke alarms.**

*A WORKING smoke alarm SIGNIFICANTLY increases
your chances of surviving a home fire.
Test your alarms every month!*



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