

Fire Safety Checklist

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- When barbecuing, move unit away from the house (10 feet)
- Dispose of grease/oil in a metal containers

Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave candles unattended
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- Empty ashtrays into a noncombustible container
- Never smoke in bed
- Store matches and lighters out of reach of children

Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test smoke alarms once a month and include a fire drill
- Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years

Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher (Use P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
- Inspect extinguishers annually

Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:
 - Stay low and go under smoke
 - Two exits out of every room
 - Designate a meeting place outside (tree, neighbors' porch, etc.)
- Practice escape plan with every member
- Teach all family members how to:
 - Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (State your name, location & type of emergency)
 - Stop, drop, cover your face and roll if clothes catch fire

Exterior

- Make house number is visible from street
- Make sure dry vegetation is trimmed away from all structures

Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- Have your furnace and chimney serviced and or inspected once a year
- Clean lint from inside and behind clothes dryer
- Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers

Electrical

- Inspect all electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit break