



Fire Safety Checklist

Knowing about fire safety is the first step in protecting your home and loved ones. That's why My Alarm Center created this printable checklist tool to help you make your home safe from fire.

Smoke Alarms

- o Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- o Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- o Smoke alarm batteries are charged as needed.
- o Smoke alarms are monitored to trigger service responses.

Escape Plan

- o Identified two ways out of each room.
- o Decide on meeting place near the front of home so firefighters can determine you are out safely.
- o Practice the fire escape plan.
- o Leave open access points for pets to escape on their own if escape is needed before securing pets.

Cooking Safety

- o Cooking area is clear of flammable items such as potholders and dish towels.
- o Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented.
- o Outside grills should be proper distance from home and other outdoor furniture.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- o Electrical cords are above rugs.
- o Electrical cords are not frayed or dangling from electronic devices.
- o Appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- o Clothes dryer lint filter is clean and clear.
- o Be careful to unplug irons, curling irons, and other small heated products.

Heating Safety

- o Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected.
- o Furniture that can catch fire is at least 3 feet away from fireplace, baseboard heaters, or space heaters.
- o Extension cords are never used with space heaters.
- o Fireplace ashes are discarded outdoors in a covered, fire-proof container.
- o Power generators should be located outside the home when in use.

Smoking and Candle Safety

- o Matches and lighters are secure out of children's sight.
- o Ashtrays are deep and kept away from flammable items.
- o Ashtrays are emptied into a fire-proof container.
- o Candles are in fire-proof containers.
- o Candles are always extinguished before going to bed.
- o Candles are never left unattended and kept away from young children and pets.

Pet Safety

- o Loose cords are hidden to prevent young pets from chewing.
- o Stovetop burner knobs are secured to avoid pet interference and prevent accidental burner fires.
- o Young pets are secured when away from home to prevent fire-starting hazards.
- o Open access points are included in escape plan for pet to escape on their own if needed.
- o Place pet alert stickers on front facing windows to make firefighters aware of any pets living in the home.