

Home Fire Safety

Protect yourself and your family with the home fire safety checklist. These are simple changes that could save your life.

- Consider the following:
 - Each day, an average of three children die in home fires.
 - Ninety percent of child deaths occur in homes without working smoke detectors.
 - A working smoke detector reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half.

- Check Your Smoke Detectors
You should check your smoke detector at least once a month, check to ensure the detector is working by pushing the safety test button.

- Count Your Smoke Detectors
Install at least one smoke detector on every level of your home, including the basement and family room, and most importantly, outside all bedrooms.

- Vacuum Your Smoke Detectors
Each month, clean your smoke detectors of dust and cobwebs to ensure their sensitivity.

- Change Your Flashlight Batteries
To make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them, use high-quality batteries.
Note: Keep your flashlight near your bed and use it to signal for help in the event of a fire.

- Install Fire Extinguishers
Install a multi-purpose fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it.

- Plan and Practice your Escape
Create at least two different escape routes from your home, and plan a meeting point for you and your family. Practice them. Make sure your children understand that a smoke detector signals a home fire and they recognize its alarm.

- Babysitters
When you employ babysitters, do you instruct them on what to do in case of a fire?

- Family Involvement
Did you and your family take part in completing this checklist?