

Operation Smoke Detector Home Fire Safety Checklist

Review this checklist in your home, making sure that you can check "yes" for every item. Then bring the form to your local firehouse, where a firefighter will gladly answer any questions you may have.

Clear, Safe Exits:

- Everyone in the house knows the fire escape plan on the front of this sheet.
- Windows and doors of every room are not blocked, either inside or out.
- Windows open easily from inside the house.
- Locked doors can be quickly unlocked and opened from inside.
- The house has at least one working smoke detector on each floor.

Burning Hazards

- No one in the house smokes in bed.
- Ashtrays are large and deep.
- Matches and lighters are stored in high places away from children.
- Candles are located safely away from curtains or other flammables.

Electrical Hazards

- No outlets are overloaded.
- No extension cords run under carpets or furniture.
- No appliances have cracked or frayed cords.
- All fuse boxes have proper fuses/breaker boxes have no frequently-tripped breakers.
- Unused heating appliances (space heaters, hotplates, etc.) are unplugged.
- All light fixtures have the correct bulbs in them.

Kitchen Fire Safety

- Flammables (such as pot holders, towels, curtains, etc.) are safely away from the stove, toaster oven, and toaster.
- Someone always monitors food as it cooks.
- Use care when reaching for cooking supplies above a hot stove.
- Pot handles are always turned away from the front of the stove.
- Keep proper fire extinguishers close by for grease & electrical fires.
- Stovetop and oven are kept clean (to avoid grease fires)

Home Heating Safety

- Heating appliances are at least three feet away from people and flammables.
- Fireplaces & flues are properly maintained.
- All fireplaces in use have screens.
- Furnaces and hot water heaters have no trash near them.
- Fireplace/woodstove ashes are fully extinguished & disposed of in metal containers away from house.

Flammable Liquid Safety

- No gasoline or fuel oil is stored inside the house.
- Flammable liquids are stored in proper containers, away from sources of heat, and out of the reach of children.
- No unused charcoal is stored inside.

Please note that there may be other fire hazards in your home not covered by this list. If you'd like more information about protecting your home from fire, ask your neighborhood fire station.



Fire Station Verification:

