



"It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires!"

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Home Fire Safety Checklist:

- ✓ Clean the lint screen on the clothes dryer before each use.
- ✓ Don't delay; immediately call 9-1-1 for an emergency. Please post emergency numbers near each phone.
- ✓ Don't put too many plugs into an outlet or overload a circuit. Use a multiple-plug power strip with a built-in circuit breaker and surge protector. Check electrical cords for frays, cracks, and exposed wires. Replace damaged cords.
- ✓ Extinguish all candles when you leave a room or go to sleep.
- ✓ Have all chimneys and heating equipment inspected every year. Change furnace filters frequently.
- ✓ Install smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers on every level of your home. Detectors should be placed inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, interconnect detectors so that when one sounds, they all sound. Test/inspect on a monthly basis. Replace detectors every 10 years or as needed.
- ✓ Keep space heaters three feet from anything that can burn. Turn space heaters off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- ✓ Keep clutter and flammable items away from sources of heat.
- ✓ Matches, lighters and candles are tools, not toys and should be stored in a secure drawer or cabinet out of children's sight and reach.
- ✓ Practice **Exit-Drills-In-The-Home (EDITH)**.
 - Make a home fire escape plan with your family. Designate two escape routes from each room and practice them regularly.
 - Crawl low to escape the smoke.
 - Don't hide in a fire!
 - Have a designated re-grouping area for your family.
 - When the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT & STAY OUT!!!**
- ✓ Remember to change the batteries in your detectors at least twice a year. Change your clock, change the batteries.
- ✓ Remind adults to stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- ✓ "Stop, Drop, and Roll" if your clothes catch on fire.

