



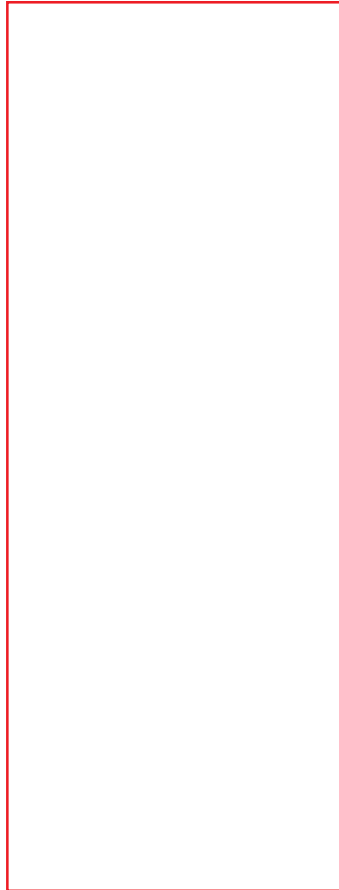
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Home Fire Safety Checklist

The home fire safety checklist plays the lead role in FPW 2001, motivating everyone to step up to the plate, and to proactively seek out and eliminate potential cooking, heating, and electrical hazards from their homes. Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home. As you go from room to room, answer the questions below. **Encourage your children to help along on your safety inspection.**

First Check - Cooking Safety

- Yes No Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Yes No Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
- Yes No Are there pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
- Yes No Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Yes No Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
- Yes No Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet (one metre) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?

Second Check - Heating Safety

- Yes No Are portable space heaters always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep?
- Yes No Are all space heaters used at least 3 feet (one metre) away from anything that can burn?
- Yes No Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Yes No Has your chimney been inspected or clean during the past year?
- Yes No Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
- Yes No Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?

Third Check - Electrical Safety

- Yes No Are extension cords used safely? (Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)
- Yes No Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?
- Yes No Are kitchen appliances - such as the coffee-maker, toaster oven, and microwave - plugged into separate receptacle outlets?

Final Check - Fire Alarms / Escape

- Yes No Does your home have working smoke alarms on every floor and inside or near all sleeping areas?
- Yes No Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- Yes No Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Yes No Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits from each room?
- Yes No Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?
- Yes No Have you and your family practiced a home fire drill within the last six months?
- Yes No Do you know the fire department's emergency phone number (which should be called from a neighbor's or nearby phone once outside)?