

Fire Prevention & Safety Checklist

The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. Sixty-five percent of home fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT** and **CALL** for help.

- ❑ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test them every month and replace the batteries at least once a year.
- ❑ Talk with all household members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- ❑ Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as space heaters.
- ❑ Never smoke in bed.
- ❑ Talk to children regularly about the dangers of fire, matches and lighters and keep them out of reach.
- ❑ Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- ❑ Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- ❑ Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- ❑ If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.
- ❑ Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area.
- ❑ Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- ❑ Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- ❑ Make sure everyone knows where to meet outside in case of fire.
- ❑ Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes should catch on fire.