

Home Hazard Checklist

The following tips and information are from the **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**. Please take some time to review and correct any potential hazards in your home. This is also a great opportunity to educate your whole family on fire safety.



This **Home Hazard Checklist** gets the whole family involved in reducing the risk of fire!

You can also create and schedule any of the suggested tasks in **Amica's Home Check** by **Amica™ app** to perform these checks each year!



Emergency preparedness

(Some additional planning and accommodations may be needed for homes with **children, individuals with special needs, older adults** or **pets**.)



I have **smoke detectors** on each level, outside of every sleeping area (hallway) and inside each bedroom.



I **test the smoke alarms** monthly and **replace the batteries** each year.*



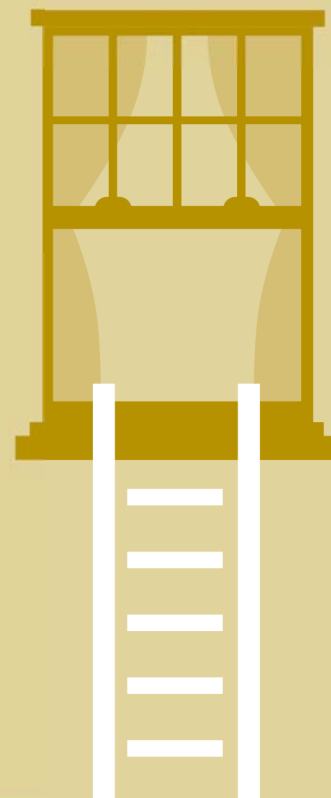
FOR TWO-PLUS STORY HOMES:

I have an **emergency ladder** in each occupied bedroom as a secondary exit in case the primary exit is blocked. Each room occupant has been shown how to use it if needed.

I keep **hallways and stairs free of clutter** to ensure there is access to an exit.*



I have an **evacuation plan**, and review it regularly to ensure everyone knows what to do in an emergency.* (Consider sharing with any house guests.)



Heating

Identify (check) the heating sources in your home:

- Furnace/Boiler
- Chimney
- Wood-Burning/Pellet Stove
- Space Heater
- Other



I only use the **oven** for cooking, not for heating our home.



There is **nothing flammable** within at least three feet of each heating source.

A **"kid-free zone,"** of at least three feet, has been established around all heating sources.



I only use **space heaters** for supplemental heating, not for cooking, drying clothing, thawing pipes, etc. The space heater is turned off before heading to bed.

Space heaters and other heating equipment are plugged directly into an outlet, not via an extension cord.



Cooking

I stay in the kitchen the entire time the stove top is in use. I also **set a timer** when using the oven to remember that it's in use.



There is **nothing flammable** near the stove.



A **"kid-free zone,"** of at least three feet, has been established around the stove.



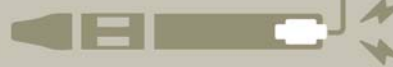
There is a **charged fire extinguisher** in, or easily accessible from, the kitchen. (Check regularly.*)

Smoking materials



Cigarettes are discarded in a sturdy ashtray and covered in water or sand. (Vegetation can ignite easily and should be avoided at all costs.)

E-cigarettes are never charged unattended, since failing batteries have caused small explosions.



Smoking materials and/or **lighting devices** are kept out of reach of children.



Electrical



I test **GFCI outlets** once a month.*

The **light bulbs** in use are the correct wattage in each fixture and have a shade or globe around them to diffuse the heat.



There are no electrical cords running across doorways or under carpets/rugs.



Each **heat-producing appliance** (e.g., coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) is plugged into a separate outlet.



For **new-home purchases** or recently remodeled homes: The electrical system has been inspected.

REMEMBER: All electrical work should be done by a qualified electrician. But it's especially important to contact an electrician if any of the following occur:

- **Fuses** are blown frequently or circuit breakers continue to trip
- **Lights** dim or flicker
- **Outlets** are discolored, warm to the touch or producing a spark
- **Appliances** produce a burning or rubbery smell, or a tingling feeling when touched



Candles and decorations



I don't have any candles burning in areas where I may **fall asleep** (e.g., bedrooms).

Children in the home **aren't left alone** in a room with candles (or fireplace) burning.

Candles are at least **one foot away** from anything flammable, and **decorations** are at least **three feet** from any heat source or fireplace.



When there's a **power outage**, I use flashlights and battery-powered lighting instead of candles.

All **candles** are **extinguished** and **decorations** **turned off/unplugged** before I leave home or head to bed.

