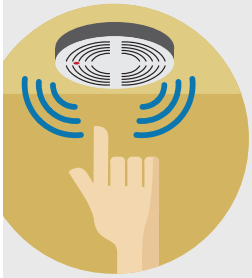
Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Talk about what you should do to be safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- ☐ Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- ☐ Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.



Test your alarm regularly.

Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the "test" button.

Cooking Safety

- ☐ The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- ☐ People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- ☐ Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- ☐ There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- ☐ Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- ☐ Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

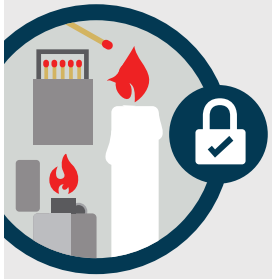
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- ☐ All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- ☐ People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- ☐ All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

Candle Safety

- ☐ Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- ☐ Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- ☐ Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.



Children are sometimes curious about fire.

If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

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