

10-Point Fire Safety Checklist

Join your family for a quick home fire safety inspection. A few precautions now can prevent danger in the future. Help keep your family safe with the following guidelines.

- ☐ 1. Make sure your home has working UL- listed smoke alarms and change the batteries at least twice a year.
- ☐ 2. Plan a fire escape route and practice it. Find two different ways of leaving each room in your house, and agree with your family on a safe place to meet outside. Many families use the memorable “Meet at the Mailbox” as their location.
- ☐ 3. Make sure the lightbulbs in lamps and other lights are the correct wattage for the fixture. A bulb with wattage that’s too high may lead to a fire through overheating. If you don’t know the wattage, use a bulb no larger than 60 watts.
- ☐ 4. The electrical cords of televisions, radios, computers, and other electrical equipment can wear over time, ensure cords are free from cracks and fraying, and that they are placed away from traffic areas.
- ☐ 5. Check all electrical cords to ensure they are not run under rugs or carpeting or draped over hot surfaces like radiators, space heaters or stoves.
- ☐ 6. Test Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) monthly. GFCIs are located in bathrooms, kitchens and workshops where water and electricity are present.
- ☐ 7. Move all electrical appliances away from the sink to avoid hazardous situations.
- ☐ 8. Make sure UL- listed fire extinguishers are fully charged and accessible.
- ☐ 9. Make sure space heaters are at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including people, furniture, bedding, even pets. Remember “Three feet from the heat.”
- ☐ 10. Remember, if there is a fire, stay low to the floor, get out as fast as you can, and stay out.

