

Home Fire Safety Checklist

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Ensure heaters are placed a minimum of one metre away from anything that could potentially burn (curtains, furniture etc). When not in use, be sure to switch off the appliance as well as on the wall at the power outlet
- Inspect electrical cords and replace if cracked or damaged. Never overload power points
- Ensure all heating equipment is clean and in proper working order
- Use a mesh guard to protect against flying sparks and embers from an open fire
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children
- Ensure cigarette ash and butts are extinguished properly and never smoke in bed
- Be sure to only use candles in non-flammable, wide based candle holders and keep away from anything which could potentially burn. Extinguish any candles before going to bed or leaving the room
- When cooking, don't leave cooking appliances unattended. If you need to leave the room for more than a few minutes, turn off the stove or oven
- Regularly clean the filter of your clothes dryer
- Switch off electric blankets before going to bed

FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

- Smoke alarms should be installed throughout your home, with at least one smoke alarm installed between the bedrooms and remainder of your home. Smoke alarms should be installed on each floor of the home
- Check smoke alarms once a month to ensure they are working correctly. Change the batteries every 12 months
- Equip your kitchen with a fire blanket and the correct fire extinguisher

EVACUATION

- Prepare a fire escape plan and practice it regularly with all members of the household