



Home fire safety checklist

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How prepared are you for a house fire?

Answer these questions to find out, and keep this checklist handy as a reminder of what you can do to help keep your home safe.

	Yes	No
1. Is there a smoke alarm in your home? Do you test it every month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you replace the battery annually or when the low battery alarm activates? Remember, Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm battery at the end of daylight savings in April.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is your house number easy to see so emergency vehicles can find you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you have the emergency phone number '000' keyed into all your phones?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does everyone know how to 'Stop, drop, cover your face with your hands and roll' if clothes catch fire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Has your household made and practised a home fire escape plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Have you planned a safe meeting place outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is your home protected by an electrical safety switch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are the keys kept in or near exits with deadlocks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Do you always have electrical repairs, alterations or renovations done by a qualified electrician?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Do you avoid overloading power points?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Are flammable liquids stored away from heaters, hot water service pilot lights and other naked flames?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Do you avoid pouring flammable liquids in high risk areas – such as refuelling a lawn mower near a hot water service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Is your electric blanket switched off before you get into bed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Do you always use a fire screen with an open fire?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Are heating appliances kept safely away from laundry, curtains and furniture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Are matches and cigarette lighters kept out of the way of children?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Do you clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer after each load?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Does everyone know the cold water first aid treatment for burns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total number of 'yes' answers	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	

What did you score? Every 'Yes' scores a point.

- 16 to 20:** Well done. You are giving yourself the best chance of protecting your life and property from a house fire. Keep it up!
- 10 to 15:** Not bad. But there are still several things you can do to decrease the likelihood of fire.
- Less than 10:** The potential for fire in your household is dangerously high. You need to be far more fire aware and act now to better protect your home and your family.

