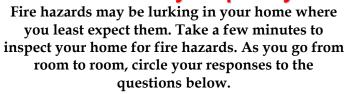


Is Your Home Safe from Fire?

The answer may surprise you.





Cooking	Safety	Hea	Heating Safety			
Yes No	Does an adult always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?	Yes	No	If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least one metre away from things that can burn, including curtains, furniture, pets?		
Yes No	Are stove tops and nearby counters clear and uncluttered?	Yes	No	Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?		
Yes No	Do you keep a proper fitting lid near the stove when you are cooking?	Yes	No	Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?		
Yes No	Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?	Yes	No	Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?		
Yes No	Are curtains, utensils, paper towels and other things that can burn well away from the stove?	Yes	No	Are propane tanks, gasoline, or other fuels stored safely outside		
Yes No	Is there a "kid-free" zone of one metre around the stove when adults are cooking?			your home?		
Candle S	afety	Smo	oking	, Matches and Lighters		
Yes No	Are candles placed in sturdy holders, out of reach of children and pets so they can't be knocked over?	Yes	No	Are matches and lighters stored out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet?		
Yes No	Do you cover lit candles with glass chimneys, to prevent people or objects from brushing against the flame?	Yes	No	If you smoke, do you have just one lighter or book of matches and keep it with you at all times?		
Yes No	Do you always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to	Yes	No	Do you encourage smokers in your household to smoke outside?		

bed?

Electrical Safety

Home Fire Escape Planning

Yes	No	Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?	Yes	No	Are all of the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys and clutter?
Yes	No	Are extension cords used safely? (Are they not under carpets or across doorways?)	Yes	No	Do you have a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of every room (if possible)?
Yes	No	Are kitchen appliances—such as the kettle, coffee-maker, toaster oven and microwave, plugged into	Yes	No	Have a you picked a safe place outside where everyone will meet after exiting the home?
		separate outlets?	Yes	No	Have you practiced a home fire drill with everyone in your household?

Smoke Alarms

Yes	No	Does your home have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas?
Yes	No	Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (Test the battery by pushing the test button. If there is no button, press the centre of the cover.)
Yes	No	Do you have a designated person to test the smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once per year?

What's Your Score?

Add	up t	he numl	er of	"yes"	responses	in your	checklist	. Give yourse	lf one point fo	r every "y	'es"	response.
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Our Score:	
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If you answered "yes" to all of the 27 checklist questions above, congratulations! You are a fire safety expert!

If you answered "yes" to at least 20 questions, you're well on your way to a fire safe home.

If you answered "yes" to between 15 and 20 questions, you're on the right track but there is still some work to be done.

If you answered "yes" to fewer than 15 questions, there are some important changes that need to be made around your home to make sure everyone in your home is safe from fire.