



# Room-by-room fire prevention checklist

It's important to talk about fire safety in your home and to review your emergency plan often. Review this room-by-room checklist to help you stay safe at home.

## Household Smoke Alarms

- ☐ Have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. Put smoke alarms in or near rooms where people sleep.
- ☐ Test smoke alarms each month. Change batteries once a year or sooner if the alarm chirps.

## Kitchen

The kitchen is the number one room in the home where fires start.

- ☐ Maintain a 3-foot, kid-free safety zone around the stove when you're cooking.
- ☐ Keep a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen and make sure everyone knows how to use it.
- ☐ Keep paper towels, dishtowels and other flammables far away from the stove.
- ☐ Never leave cooking food unattended on the stovetop or under the broiler.
- ☐ Store matches and lighters out of children's reach.

## Living Room

- ☐ Have your chimney cleaned and inspected annually if you plan to use it.
- ☐ Maintain a 3-foot safety zone around the fireplace, and use a fire-proof screen in front of your fireplace.
- ☐ Keep lamps and candles away from drapes and fabrics, and never leave lit candles unattended.

## Bedroom

- ☐ Never drape scarves or clothing over lamps and space heaters.
- ☐ Place space heaters at least three feet away from bedding, furniture and other flammable items.
- ☐ Keep extension cords out from under rugs, and be sure electrical cords are not pinched under doors, cabinets or furniture.
- ☐ Be sure secondary exits such as windows are not blocked and easy to open.

## Bathroom

- ☐ Don't overload outlets with too many appliances.
- ☐ Keep curling irons and hair dryers away from flammable materials.

## Laundry Room

- ☐ Clean your dryer's lint filter before each use.
- ☐ Shut off the dryer whenever you leave the house.

## Basement

- ☐ Have your furnace cleaned and inspected annually.
- ☐ Store paint, old newspapers and other flammable items away from the furnace and hot water heater.

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