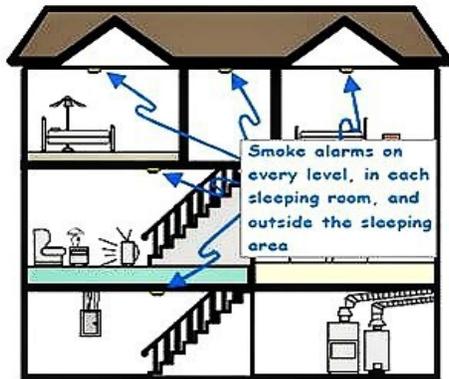


# Smoke Alarms

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms are considered to be one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning of a potentially deadly fire and could reduce the risk of dying from a fire in your home by almost half.



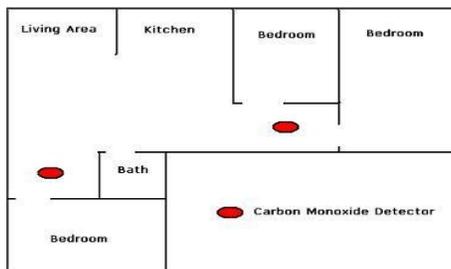
Smoke alarms on every level, in each sleeping room, and outside the sleeping area

Replace batteries every year  
Replace smoke alarms every 10 years

# Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Properly installed and maintained carbon monoxide alarms can save your life! Carbon monoxide is a color-less, odor-less poison. Carbon monoxide is released into your home from malfunctioning gas, oil or solid-fuel heating appliances. Vehicles in attached garages can also be a source.

Carbon Monoxide Detector Placement



# Types of Fire Extinguishers



Class A extinguishers put out fires in ordinary combustible materials such as cloth, wood, rubber, paper, and many plastics.



Ordinary Combustibles



Class B extinguishers are used on fires involving flammable liquids, such as grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.



Flammable Liquids



Class C extinguishers are suitable for use on fires involving appliances, tools, or other equipment that is electrically energized or plugged in.



Electrical Equipment



Class D extinguishers are designed for use on flammable metals and are often specific for the type of metal in question. These are typically found only in factories working with these metals.



Combustible Metals



Class K fire extinguishers are intended for use on fires that involve vegetable oils, animal oils, or fats in cooking appliances. These extinguishers are generally found in commercial kitchens, such as those found in restaurants, cafeterias, and caterers. Class K extinguishers are now finding their way into the residential market for use in kitchens.



Combustible Cooking

To operate an extinguisher:



Use your fire extinguisher only if:

- The fire is small and contained to a single object.
- You are safe from the toxic smoke produced by the fire.
- You have a means of escape identified and the fire is not between you and the escape route.
- Your instincts tell you that it is safe to use an extinguisher.

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# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Emergency Dial 911

Help us prevent fires by:

- Inspecting your home today
- Eliminating the hazards
- Preventing a fire tomorrow

Test smoke alarms monthly!

Community, Safety, Professional Service

Fire safety starts with you!

Inspection Item	Pass ✓	Fail ✓
<b>Exterior</b>		
Address posted and visible		
Accessible fire hydrant		
<b>Smoke Alarms</b>		
In every sleeping room		
Outside sleeping areas		
On every level of home		
Replace batteries at least once a year		
Replace alarms every 10 years		
Test alarms once a month		
<b>Fire Drills</b>		
Develop home escape plan		
Practice home fire drills		
Designate a meeting place		
Stay low and go under smoke		
Teach children their address		
Teach children to dial 911		
Confirm the alarm can be heard while sleeping		
Post address # by phone		
Practice 'Stop, Drop and Roll'		
Teach above information to any babysitters		
<b>Fire Extinguishers</b>		
Fire extinguisher in home		
Fire extinguisher in vehicle		
Know when to use		
Know when not to use		
Know location of extinguishers		
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Inspect extinguishers annually		
Understand different types		

Inspection Item	Pass ✓	Fail ✓
<b>Cooking</b>		
No unattended cooking		
Combustibles away from stove		
Pot holders in easy reach		
Pot handles turned inward		
Use of cover for grease fires		
Fire extinguishers in kitchen		
Grilling on decks not recommended		
Grill 15 feet from combustibles		
Practice kid-free zone around stove/grill		
<b>Recreational Fires</b>		
Burn dry clean wood only		
Obtain permit to kindle fire		
Do not disturb neighbors		
Have a way to extinguish		
Always attend fire		
25' away from buildings		
<b>Candles</b>		
Never leave unattended		
Noncombustible, sturdy holders		
1' circle of safety by candle		
<b>Smoking</b>		
Safely store lighters/matches		
Ashes in metal container only		
Never smoke in bed		
<b>Heating Equipment</b>		
3' from all combustibles		
Inspect once a year		
<b>Clothes Dryer</b>		
Clean lint trap & inside dryer		

Inspection Item	Pass ✓	Fail ✓
<b>Fireplace/Wood or Pellet Stove</b>		
Inspect chimney every year		
Clean chimney regularly		
Spark screen in front of fireplace		
Combustibles 3' from appliance		
<b>Electrical</b>		
Use extension cords safely		
Install additional outlets if needed		
Extension cords in good condition		
Extension cords with circuit breaker		
Electrical equipment has UL label		
<b>Flammable Liquids</b>		
Store propane outside home		
Store gasoline outside home		
Store gasoline in red can		
Store kerosene in blue and white container		
<b>Carbon Monoxide</b>		
CO Detector within 10' of sleeping areas		
CO detector outside sleeping rooms		
Test detector monthly		
<b>Exits</b>		
Clear path to exits		
Two exits out of every room		
Exits are operational		
<b>Home and Yard</b>		
Clear of excessive combustibles		
<b>Attached Garage</b>		
Fire-rated door kept closed		
Fire-rated separation from home		