



Calgary Fire Department

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Tick **yes** or **no**, then add up your total to find out your score.

| | Yes | No |
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| Inside the home | | |
| Detectors* | | |
| • There are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home. | | |
| • You test smoke/carbon monoxide alarms once per month. | | |
| • Batteries are replaced yearly if your alarms are <i>not</i> hardwired. | | |
| • You can hear all alarms in the home, especially in sleeping areas. | | |
| • Smoke alarms more than 10 years old are replaced. | | |
| *Check manufacturer's instructions on alarm installation, testing, maintenance and replacement requirements. | | |
| Escape planning | | |
| • Family/residents have prepared and practised a home fire escape plan, including meeting place. | | |
| • Everyone knows what to do once a fire starts, including who helps children, older adults and pets. | | |
| • Everyone knows two exits from each bedroom or sleeping area. | | |
| • Entrances are free and clear of obstructions. | | |
| • Overnight guests are aware of the home escape plan and meeting place. | | |
| • Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe phone outside the residence. | | |
| • Everyone knows to get out and stay out . No one goes back in! | | |
| Kitchen | | |
| • Cooking is never left unattended. | | |
| • Check for cracked/worn electrical cords on appliances. | | |
| • Countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use. | | |
| • Curtains and towels are clear of heat sources. | | |
| • There is a fire extinguisher near the kitchen. | | |
| Living areas | | |
| • Cracked/worn electrical cords are replaced as needed. | | |
| • Electrical outlets are never overloaded. | | |
| • Wires or electrical cords do not run under carpets/rugs. | | |
| • Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring. | | |
| • Gas and/or wood fireplaces have screens. | | |
| • Gas appliances are inspected annually. | | |
| • Wood fireplace chimneys are cleaned annually. | | |
| • Electronics have airspace to prevent overheating. | | |
| • Portable heaters are away from doorways, combustibles and high-traffic areas. | | |
| • Hallways are clear of obstructions. | | |
| • Candles are extinguished when you leave the room or LED battery-operated candles are used. | | |

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| Bedrooms | | |
| • Lamps are clear of combustibles like curtains or clothing. | | |
| • Bedroom doors are closed at night. (This can save your life.) | | |
| • Candles are extinguished before sleep or LED battery-operated candles are used. | | |
| • Windows open easily. (Security bars are quickly and easily opened from the inside.) | | |
| • Second- and third-level bedrooms have escape ladders. | | |
| • A phone is near your bed. (landline or cell phone) | | |
| • No one smokes in bed. | | |
| Basement | | |
| • Electrical panel is clear of obstructions. | | |
| • Furnace and hot water tank are clear of obstructions and combustibles. | | |
| • The furnace room stores no flammables. | | |
| Garage | | |
| • Gasoline is stored in an approved container in the shed, NOT in the garage. | | |
| • Used rags are stored in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. | | |
| • A fire extinguisher is located in the garage. | | |
| • Garage is kept clear of sawdust/wood shavings. | | |
| • No car is ever left idling in the garage. | | |
| Other | | |
| • Matches and lighters are always out of the reach of children. | | |
| • Important papers (e.g. documents, identification, heirlooms) are in a fire-resistant safe. | | |

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| Outside the home | | |
| • Cigarettes are never extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch. | | |
| • Barbeques and firepits are a safe distance from the house and from combustibles (siding, decks, etc.). | | |
| • Children stay a safe distance from barbeques and firepits. | | |
| • Firepits are never left unsupervised. | | |
| • There is no debris or dead vegetation near the house. | | |
| • Trees are pruned and thinned to reduce fuel potential. | | |
| • Woodpiles are stacked away from the house. | | |
| • Branches hanging over or touching the roof are trimmed back. | | |
| Your Total | | |

YOUR GRADE:

53 "yes" answers - Your Grade: A

You should be a firefighter! - Incredible

47 to 52 "yes" answers - Your Grade: B

Excellent! Just a few safety improvements to make.

41 to 46 "yes" answers - Your Grade: C+

Getting there, but there's definitely room for improvement.

40 and under - Your Grade: C

You and your family have some serious safety work to do. Make this a priority.



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