


**CHECKLIST**

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY'S FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Everyone in your family has a role to play in your home's fire safety. Both adults and kids should be familiar with what makes some behaviors "fire safe" and other behaviors a fire hazard.

### KID'S CHECKLIST

- Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?
- Does a grown-up turn off all portable space heaters before they leave the room or go to sleep?
- Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Are matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet?
- Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area?
- Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and clutter?
- Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside if a fire occurs?

### GROWN-UP'S CHECKLIST

- Are the stove and counter clean and uncluttered?
- Are potholders within easy reach of the stove?
- Are pot handles turned inward so they can't be bumped?
- Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove, space heaters, and fireplaces?
- If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet away from anything that can burn?
- Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the last year?
- Has your furnace been serviced during the past year?
- Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?
- Are electrical cords in good condition?
- Are kitchen appliances plugged into separate receptacle outlets?
- Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms?
- Does your family have a home fire-escape plan that includes two ways out of each room?

### DO THE DRILL! Follow these easy steps to complete a fun family fire drill!

- 1.** Call the family together. Let everyone know that you are going to do a practice fire drill.
- 2.** Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off, everyone should quickly and carefully leave the home and go to the Outside Meeting Place.
- 3.** Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. After several minutes, set off the fire alarm by pushing the test button and watch your family's actions.
- 4.** When everyone reassembles at the Outside Meeting Place, ask each family member to explain exactly what he or she did after the alarm went off.

Review any questions and repeat the drill at least one more time.  
Make your drill count at [sparky.org](http://sparky.org).

