

Smoke Alarms

- Place smoke alarms near bedrooms and on every level of the home.
- Test the batteries monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Install smoke alarms on ceilings or high on the wall, with the top of the alarm not closer than 4 inches from the ceiling.

Safe Heating Practices

Alternative Heaters

- Keep heaters at a safe distance from curtains, furniture and all combustibles.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.

Kerosene Heaters

- Fill only with K-1 Kerosene, and never use gasoline or camp stove fuel.

Electric Space Heaters

- Plug heaters directly into the wall socket, and not into extension cords.
- Unplug heaters when they're not being used.

Woodstoves and Fireplaces

- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interiors, hearths and chimneys yearly.

Safe Cooking Practices

- Don't leave cooking food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners and keep curtains and other combustibles away from the stove.
- Make sure the stove is off and small appliances are unplugged before going to bed.

Safe Smoking Practices

- Never smoke in bed.
- Keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains.
- Never leave burning cigarettes unattended.

Home Fire Safety

- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.
- Replace wiring if it's frayed or cracked.
- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep. Keep candles away from paper and fabrics.

Children and Fire Safety

- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Familiarize children with the sound of the smoke alarm and teach them when one sounds off, crawl low, leave the house, and meet at the designated place outside.

Home Fire Escape Plan

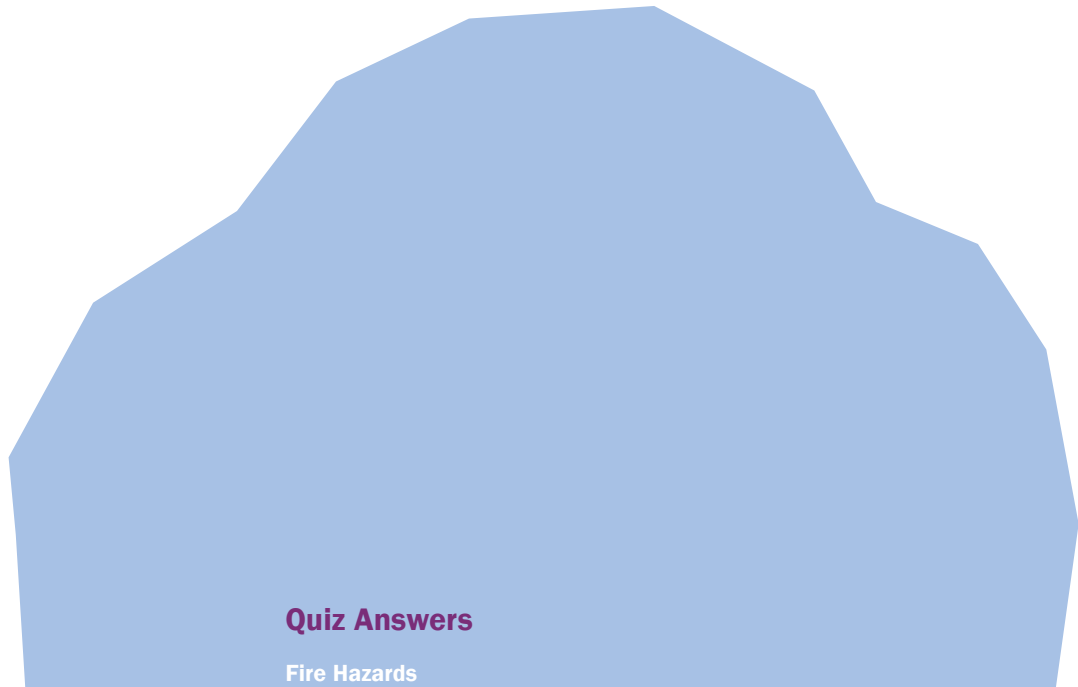
- Develop and practice a fire escape plan. Draw a diagram of the home. Mark all windows and doors, and plan two routes out of each room.
- Have a safe meeting place outside the home and never go back inside.

Take a few minutes to walk through your home and use the checklist to make sure your home is fire safe!

Fire Safety Checklist by the U.S. Fire Administration



In this home, there are 11 fire hazards and 9 fire safety devices. Find all of them using the fire safety checklist. Answers are on the back.



Quiz Answers

Fire Hazards

Attic

- Frayed wire on light bulb

Bathroom

- Heater can be knocked over
- Overloaded outlet
- Lit candle near towel rack
- House shoes in front of heater

Bedroom

- Child playing with matches

Kitchen

- Cooking food unattended
- Small appliances left plugged (on stove)

Living Room

- Unattended cigarette on table
- No screen in front of fireplace

Basement

- Flammable materials next to open flame in water heater

Fire Safety Devices

Bathroom

- Sprinkler

Bedroom

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

Kitchen

- Sprinkler
- Fire escape plan displayed on fridge

Living Room

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

Basement

- Smoke alarm
- Sprinkler

For more information about how to keep your home and family safe from fire, please write to:

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