



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK LIST



BE SURE SMOKE ALARMS ARE:

- Installed on every level of your home, including the basement
- Inside and outside of every sleeping area for added protection
- Tested each month, by simply pressing the "Test" button
- Replaced if they are more than 10 years old



NEARLY 60% OF HOME FIRE DEATHS RESULT FROM FIRES IN HOMES WITH NO SMOKE ALARMS OR NO WORKING SMOKE ALARMS!



Remain in the kitchen while frying, grilling, boiling, or simmering food.

Never leave your cooking unattended.



Keep children, pets, and flammable materials at least three feet from any heat source (fire places, space heaters, stoves, etc.).



Turn off the stove if you are going to leave the room for any reason.



Blow out all candles if you need to leave the room or go to bed. Never leave lit candles unattended.



Smokers should always choose to smoke outside. Many home fire deaths are a result of accidental cigarette fires.



Always clean the lint filter before each load when using the dryer.



Make sure all major appliances (i.e. refrigerator, dryer, washer, stove) are plugged directly into appropriate outlets.



Be sure to use the recommended light bulb wattage for all light fixtures.

Smoke alarms installed by the fire department are from the "Be Alarmed!" Smoke Alarm Installation Program, administered by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. For additional home fire safety and prevention tips, visit www.IFSA.org/resources



HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN



Plan Your Escape Route:

- Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows on the grid above. Label two ways out of every room, if possible.
- Make sure all escape routes are free of debris and tripping hazards.
- All doors and windows leading outside should be free of clutter and open with ease.
- Choose a designated outdoor meeting place (i.e. mailbox, tree, light pole) at a safe distance in front of your home that everyone knows to go in the event of a fire.
- Practice your escape plan twice a year with everyone living in the home.

In Case Of A Fire:

- When the smoke alarm sounds, get low to the ground, crawl quickly under the smoke and heat, and get outside.
- Close doors behind you to keep flames and smoke from spreading.
- Go to your designated outdoor meeting place.
- Once you are outside, call 9-1-1 and NEVER re-enter the burning home for any reason.

