



Calgary Fire Department

HOME HAZARDS CHECKLIST



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

Inside the home

Detectors*

- There are smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home.
 - You test smoke/carbon monoxide detectors once per month.
 - Batteries are replaced yearly.
 - You can hear all detectors in the home, especially in sleeping areas.
 - Smoke detectors more than 10 years old are replaced.
- *Check manufacturer's instructions on detector 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 room.
- Entrances are free and clear of obstructions.
- Windows open easily. (Security bars are quickly and easily opened from the inside.)
- 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: blow out when you leave the room or use LED battery-operated candles.