Home Fire Safety Checklist

Take a moment and place a checkmark next to each of the sentences that are true in your home.

Heating

☐ Baseboard heaters do not touch furniture or curtains, or other items stored on the floor.
☐ You have your chimneys and heating systems inspected, cleaned and repaired prior to the heating season.
☐ All portable heaters are placed at least three (3) feet from bedding, furniture, and other flammable materials.
☐ All portable heaters are plugged directly in the wall, not into an extinsion cord.
☐ All portable heaters are turned off when you leave the room or before going to bed.
☐ Every fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen.

Electrical

☐ You use as few extension cords and plug adapters as possible
☐ Extension cords used are not tacked to walls, run under rugs or through doorways.
☐ Small appliances, like the toaster, are unplugged when not is use.

Housekeeping

☐ Matches and lighters are kept out of the reach of children in a secure place.
☐ Paint, varnish, and other flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers and in a cool place.
☐ Ashes from fireplaces and barbecues are only disposed of in metal containers.
☐ Candles are only lit when someone is able to keep an eye on them, and when placed in strudy holders away from things that can burn.

Smoking

☐ House rules include not smoking in bed or while laying down.
☐ Make sure all ashes are cold before throwing away in a trash can.

Smoke Alarms

☐ Smoke alarm batteries are changed twice a year.
☐ Smoke alarms are tested and vacuumed regularly.
☐ Smoke alarms are installed on a ceiling or high on the wall outside of the bedrooms on each level of the home and in every bedroom.

Escape Plan

☐ You have a plan of escape showing two ways out of every room in your home, especially bedrooms.
☐ You regularly practive your escape plan by holding fire drills in you home.
☐ Windows used for escaping can be opend easily.
☐ Your house numbers are clearly visible from the street.

The items that you did not checkmark may put you at a higher risk for a fire.