

The Go-To Fire Safety Checklist



Here are a few precautionary steps to help protect you, your family and your home.

- Pack a small survival kit with keepsakes and things you would hate to lose, in case you need to evacuate quickly.
- Take extra care when assessing the level of risk from intruders so that it also provides for a planned safe means of escape for your family should there be a fire.
- Make sure keys to all locked doors are readily accessible if you have deadlocks fitted.
- Make sure each and every window and door can be quickly opened when required.
- Install an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms and test them regularly. Don't forget to replace the battery in each smoke alarm at least once a year.
- Have a written escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- Never leave cooking or any other open flame unattended.
- Store all flammable liquids in purpose-designed containers.
- In winter take extra care when using heaters, electric blankets or open fires. Do not exceed the manufacturer's recommended use by date for electric blankets.
- Fit a fire extinguisher in the home.
- Regularly clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer.
- Don't overload power points. Switch off appliances when not in use.
- Always keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Keep emergency numbers in a very visible place and educate all members of the family how to call for help and escape from fire.
- Even in the off-season, ensure the sum insured for the rebuild of your home and replacement of your contents is adequate.
- Have items like heating and cooling systems serviced once per year they are a common cause of house fires.

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