



# A Home Fire Safety Resource

Ensure Your Home is Fire Safe Today!

## Fire & Life-Safety Checklist

Below are important fire & life-safety items that if maintained, can reduce the risk of injury or property damage due to fire or other hazards.

### Outside Your Home

- Ensure that your address is visible from the road. This includes posting it on the building and at the entry point of long driveways when it would not be visible otherwise.
  - 4-inches in height as a minimum
  - Plain, block numbers -stylized numbers are not permitted
  - White in color on a blue, brown or green background
  - Reflective in quality is recommended

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- Ensure that your fire hydrant is accessible
  - 3-feet of clearance AND clear to the street from snow & vegetation

### Inside Your Home

#### ***Cooking- #1 Cause of Home Fires & Injuries***

- Stay in the kitchen if you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling
- Check the oven regularly if baking or roasting
- Keep all things that can catch fire a good distance away
- Grease fires- know to smother any flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner
- Oven fires- turn off the heat and keep the door closed
- Keep children at least 3-feet away from the stove

#### ***Heating Appliances- #2 Cause of Home Fires & Injuries***

##### ***Fireplaces & Woodstoves-***

- Have your chimney cleaned & inspected every year
- Ensure you have a spark arrestor installed
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen
- Dispose of ash only when cold and into a metal container located away from your home
- Test smoke alarms monthly, and replace batteries every year

##### ***Gas-Fired Heating Appliances & Portable Space Heaters-***

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3-feet away
- Always turn portable space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- Never use portable space heaters with an extension cord or powerstrip, but only plugged into a wall receptacle
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when you have fuel-burning appliances, such as water heaters, furnances, etc.

WHAT TO KNOW

MORE INFO



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A COMMUNITY INFORMATION GUIDE



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