



Gilbert Fire & Rescue

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST



Escape Plan

- MAKE a **home escape plan**. Draw a map of your home showing all **windows & doors**. Discuss your plan with everyone in your home.
- KNOW at least **two ways out** of every room. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside are easy to open.
- HAVE an outside **meeting place** (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from your home where everyone will meet.
- PRACTICE your home escape plan at least **twice a year** during the day & at night. Don't forget to **sound your smoke alarms** during your drill. This will help your family recognize the sound during an emergency.

Smoke Alarms

- INSTALL smoke alarms in every **bedroom**. They should also be outside each **sleeping area** and on **every level** of your home - even in your **basement**.
- CHANGE the **batteries** in your smoke alarms **once a year**.
- TEST your smoke alarms **once a month**.
- CLEAN your smoke alarms with **canned air** or a **vacuum** at least **twice a year**.
- REPLACE your smoke alarms every **10 years**.

Housekeeping

- NO smoking in **bed** or while **laying down**.
- SECURE matches and lighters **out of the reach of children**.
- STORE paint, varnish, and other flammables in sturdy **metal containers** in a cool dry place.
- DISPOSE of ashes from fireplaces, grills, and cigarettes when they are completely **cooled down**, in a metal container.
- LIGHT candles only when someone is able to **keep an eye on them**, and when placed in a sturdy holder away from items that can burn.

Heating & Cooling

- TEST your heater and air conditioner by powering the units on **before** you need them.
- CLEAN your **air filters & vents** immediately after you turn your heater or AC on.
- CHANGE your AC air filters **monthly**.
- TURN off portable heaters when you **leave** a room and **before** you go to bed.

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Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home. Don't forget to show all doors & windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with **SA**. Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home. Make sure there is an alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

A large grid for drawing a home fire escape plan. The grid is 20 columns wide and 25 rows high, providing a space for drawing a map of a home, marking exits, and indicating the locations of smoke alarms.

Grown-Ups: Children don't always wake-up when your smoke alarms sound. Know what your child will do **before** a fire occurs!
Sound your smoke alarms when you practice your home escape plan.