



# HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

## FOR CAREGIVERS OF BABIES, TODDLERS, AND CHILDREN

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have less than 3 minutes to get everyone out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Make sure your home is safe and that your family is prepared.



### SMOKE ALARMS

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

### COOKING SAFETY

- The cooking surface is clear of all flammable items.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.
- Children are kept at least 3 feet away from the stove.

### ELECTRICAL AND APPLIANCE SAFETY

- There are safety covers over all unused outlets so children cannot hurt themselves.
- Children are kept at least 3 feet away from heaters, space heaters, or anything that gets hot.
- Adjust the thermostat setting on your water heater no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit to avoid scald injuries.

### HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is in front of the home.
- There is a plan for young children who cannot escape by themselves.
- Everyone in the family knows and practices the escape plan.

### CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

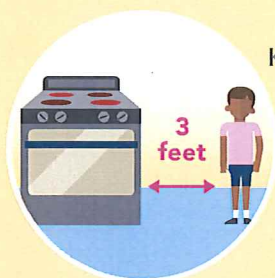
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home and inside and outside of bedrooms.

### CANDLE, LIGHTER, AND MATCH SAFETY

- Candles are kept out of reach from children and not left unattended.
- Matches and lighters are locked up in a high place.

### WINDOW FALL SAFETY

- Teach children to play a safe distance from windows and enforce this rule in your home.
- Install window stops that allow you to open windows less than 4 inches.



#### KEEP CHILDREN 3 FEET FROM HEAT SOURCES

Space heaters and stovetops can cause burns. Keep children at least 3 feet away from things that get hot.



#### HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Children will need you to get them to safety in a fire. If your alarm sounds, take action immediately.



If you don't have working smoke alarms, contact the American Red Cross preparedness@redcross.org 503-528-5783



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