## **Home Fire Safety Checklist**

**DID YOU KNOW?** You may have less than 3 minutes to safely escape a fire in your home. Complete this checklist to help prevent a fire from happening. Be sure to make and practice your home escape plan.

Smoke Alarms	Electrical and Appliance Safety
<ul> <li>□ One on every level of the home, installed inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas</li> <li>□ Tested monthly</li> <li>□ Less than 10 years old</li> </ul> Carbon Monoxide alarms	<ul> <li>Electrical cords are in good condition and not routed under rugs or through doorways</li> <li>Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall sockets, not extension cords</li> <li>Vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fire-</li> </ul>
	place are clear and vent directly to the outside
<ul> <li>Located on each level of the home with a bedroom</li> </ul>	Heating Safety
☐ Tested monthly ☐ Not expired, according to manufacturer	<ul><li>☐ Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly</li><li>☐ Heaters are approved by a national testing</li></ul>
Kitchen Safety	laboratory and have a tip-over shut-off feature
<ul> <li>Stovetop is clear of anything that can catch fire, and pot handles are turned toward the back of the stove</li> <li>Children and pets are kept at least 3 feet away from the stove or oven</li> <li>Cooking food is not left unattended</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Furniture and other flammable items are at least 3 feet from any source of heat</li> <li>☐ Stove and fireplace ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container, at least 3 feet from anything that can burn</li> <li>Smoking Safety</li> </ul>
☐ Cutting boards and decorative items are not	_
stored on top of the stove	<ul><li>Smoking areas are located outdoors</li><li>Smoking materials are kept out of reach</li></ul>
Candle Safety	of children
<ul> <li>Candles are in sturdy, fire-proof containers that cannot be tipped over</li> <li>Burning candles are kept away from children and pets, and never left unattended</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ashtrays are large, deep, and kept away from items that can catch fire</li> <li>Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn</li> </ul>
Home Escape Planning	
Everyone in the home should know two ways out of every room, and two ways to get outside.  Here are some steps for making a home escape plan.	
<ul> <li>□ Choose an outside meeting place at the front of the house, so firefighters know you're there.</li> <li>□ Keep exit paths clear of furniture and clutter.</li> <li>□ Know that if there is smoke, you should crawl low to the ground where the air is cleaner.</li> <li>□ Practice your escape plan, and make sure everyone knows what to do.</li> <li>□ Call 9-1-1 from your meeting place. Do not go back inside the house.</li> <li>□ Your plan must include assistance for anyone who cannot escape on their own.</li> </ul>	
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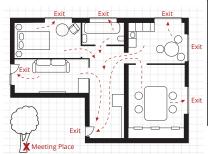


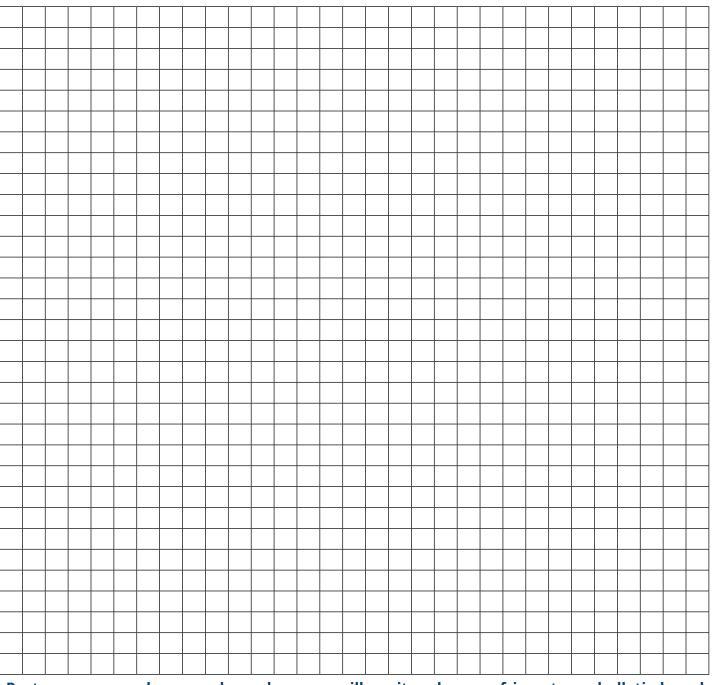
## Fire Escape Plan

Following the instructions, draw your escape plan on the grid.

- Draw the layout of your home as best as you can, include:
  - Doorways
  - Windows (if they can be used as exits)
  - Fire escapes (if in an apartment)
- Draw two floor plans if your house is 2 stories.
- ☐ Label each room.
- Draw a circle where there are smoke alarms.
- Draw two ways out of each room.
- ☐ Write "Exit" on each way out of the home.
- Draw an "X" for a safe meeting place outside.
- Practice escaping from every room in your home!

## **Example**





Post your escape plan on a place where you will see it such as a refrigerator or bulletin board.