

100 FIRE SAFETY TIPS

for 100 years of Fire Prevention Safety

1. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.
2. Make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected.
3. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
4. All smoke alarms should be less than 10 years old.
5. Replace the batteries in your smoke alarm as needed.
6. Create a home fire escape plan.
7. Designate a meeting spot outside the home.
8. Know at least two ways out of every room.
9. Know the exits out of your apartment complex or condominium.
10. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
11. Call 911 after safely exiting a home fire.
12. Everyone in the home should know the warning sound of the smoke alarm.
13. Respond appropriately to the sound of a smoke alarm.
14. Review and practice your escape plan twice a year.
15. Practice a fire drill using different ways out of your home.
16. Practice fire prevention exercises with the family.
17. Teach children how to escape a fire on their own.
18. Have fire extinguishers throughout the home.
19. Consider purchasing mini fire extinguishers for each room.
20. Show every family member how to use fire extinguishers.

Electrical Safety:

21. Have your home electrical system routinely inspected by a qualified professional.
22. Safely use electrical cords.
23. Check electrical cords throughout the entire home for damage.
24. Discard frayed and damaged electrical cords.
25. Look out for faulty warning signs like flickering or dimming lights.
26. Replace discolored cords, outlets, and switch plates.
27. Call a qualified electrician to do electrical work.
28. Consider installing arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs).
29. Consider installing ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
30. Extension cords are to be used temporarily, never for long periods of time.

31. Don't overload extension cords or wall outlets.
32. Always plug appliances directly into wall outlets.
33. Unplug cords when not in use.
34. Ensure plugs fit snugly in outlets to prevent shock and excess heat.
35. Don't run cords under carpeting, bedding, or other combustible materials.
36. Avoid placing cords across doorways or frequently traveled areas.
37. Have a professional fix any broken outlets or switches.
38. Update any outdated or malfunctioning fuses or circuit boxes.
39. Make certain you have installed the correct wattage bulb for all fixtures and lamps.
40. Move lamps away from draperies and shades.
41. Use lampshades properly on fixtures to avoid combustible materials from making direct contact with a hot bulb.

Kitchen Safety:

42. Monitor appliances in use in the kitchen.
43. Turn off the stove when leaving or walking away from the kitchen.
44. Keep stovetops clean and free of grease, spills, and clutter.
45. Pot handles should be turned toward the back of the stove when cooking.
46. Never walk away from the kitchen when food is being fried, cooked, or broiled.
47. Have a lid for each pot and pan in the kitchen.
48. Keep your kitchen free of clutter, especially near heat sources.
49. Always remember to turn off your oven after use.
50. Continuously monitor heat levels when cooking on a stovetop.
51. Have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
52. Never leave a working kitchen unattended.
53. Create a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the stove when cooking.
54. Unplug appliances when not in use.
55. Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.
56. Always cook with a lid beside your pan.
57. On the stovetop, smother flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner.
58. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
59. If there is a microwave fire, keep the door closed and unplug the microwave.

Grilling/Outdoor Fire Safety:

60. Don't leave your BBQ grill unattended.
61. An adult should keep an eye on the grill whenever it's in use.
62. Keep kids away from the grill and the area around it.
63. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing while cooking on your outside grill.
64. Avoid touching any hot surfaces, even after the grill has been turned off.
65. Keep an eye on any open flames.
66. Use fire pits with extreme caution.
67. Clear a large area on all sides of the fire pit.
68. Do not let children near open flames.
69. Be careful when using lighter fluid.
70. Avoid spills on clothing, furniture, or the ground.
71. Clean up any spills with paper towels and wash your hands thoroughly.
72. Keep trash far from any heat or fire sources.
73. Keep a portable fire extinguisher available near open flame fires.
74. Store a fire extinguisher by your BBQ grill.
75. All grills (gas, charcoal, propane, wood) should only be used outdoors.
76. Use grills in a well-ventilated area.
77. Keep grills away from any flammable items.

Heating Safety:

78. Keep flammable objects at least 3 feet away from all heat sources.
79. Inspect and clean heating systems once a year.
80. Inspect and clean chimneys once a year.
81. Place space heaters at least 3 feet away from flammable objects.
82. Turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
83. Never use an oven to heat your home.
84. Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
85. Place a sturdy glass or metal screen in front of fireplaces to catch sparks.
86. Put out candles and fireplaces before going to sleep or leaving your home.
87. Place ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 10 feet from your home.



Smoking Safety:

- 88. Smokers should smoke outside.
- 89. Do not smoke in bed.
- 90. Use ashtrays or a bucket of sand to put out cigars and cigarettes.
- 91. Put water on ashes and butts before disposing them in the trash.
- 92. Never smoke around medical oxygen.
- 93. Keep matches and lighters out of reach or in a locked cabinet.

Insurance Tips:

- 94. Review your insurance policy for fire coverage details.
- 95. Call your agent to help you make changes in coverage.
- 96. Regularly update your home inventory.
- 97. Have an updated home inventory available from multiple devices.
- 98. Capture and record all the damage caused by a fire.
- 99. Keep all documents and records after a home fire incident.
- 100. Call your insurance provider to report a claim after experiencing a home fire.

