

# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Below is a checklist to help you assess fire risks around your home.

- Is the Emergency phone number (000) written on your telephone?
- Is your house number easy to see so emergency vehicles can find you?
- Do you have working smoke alarms installed in the right areas?
- Do you dust and vacuum your smoke alarms regularly?
- Do you replace the battery annually or when the low battery alarm activates?
- Use a significant date like April 1st to remind you to change your smoke alarm battery
- Has your household made and practised a home fire escape plan?
- If you have security doors or windows, are the keys left in or next to the locks when you are in the house?
- Is your home protected by an electrical safety switch?
- If you live in a bushfire prone area, do you keep the ground around your home clear of leaves and other litter and remember to clean you gutters regularly?
- Do you check your heater before you use it for the first time each winter?
- Are heating appliances kept safely away from laundry, curtains, toys and furniture?
- Do you always use a fire screen with an open fire?
- Do you put out fires before going to bed or going out?
- Do you have a fire blanket and extinguisher in your home, and know how to use them?
- Do you regularly check your appliances and power leads for any malfunctions or damage?
- Do you avoid overloading power points?
- Do you regularly check your electric blanket?
- Is your electric blanket switched off before you get into bed?
- Do you clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer after each load and always let dryers complete the cool-down cycle?
- Do you ensure cooking, heaters, open fires or candles are never left unattended?
- Do you remove flammable materials such as extra paper or chemicals from your home?
- Are matches and cigarette lighters kept out of the way of children?
- Do not smoke in bed and ensure cigarette ash and butts are extinguished
- Does everyone in your family know how to 'Stop, drop, cover your face with your hands and roll' if clothes catch fire?

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