

# Is your home fire-safe?



Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- Candles and smoking materials are kept out of reach from children and are locked up in a high place.
- Children are kept at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- There is a plan for young children who cannot escape by themselves.
- There are safety covers over outlets so children cannot hurt themselves.



## Keep children 3 feet from heat sources.

Space heaters and stovetops can cause terrible burns. Keep children at least 3 feet away from anything that gets hot.

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# Don't Let Your World Go Up In Smoke.



## Home Fire Safety Tips For Caregivers

# Home Fire Safety Tips for Caregivers of Babies and Toddlers

You may have less than 3 minutes to get everyone out safely once the smoke alarm sounds, if a fire breaks out in your home. Young children (especially ages 0 to 4) are at a higher risk of death or injury from a home fire than older children. Some children are curious about fire. They might play with items like lighters, matches, or stovetops.



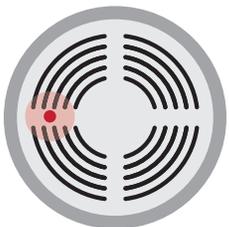
## Keep children safe from danger.

There are simple steps you can take to keep you and the people you love safer from fire and burns.

**Keep children 3 feet away from anything that can get hot.** Space heaters and stovetops can cause terrible burns. Keep children at least 3 feet away from stoves, heaters, or anything that gets hot.

**Keep smoking materials locked up in a high place.** Never leave cigarette lighters or matches where children can reach them.

**Never play with lighters or matches when you are with your children.** Children may try to do the same things they see you do.



## Have working smoke alarms.

Most children who die in fires live in homes that don't have working smoke alarms. If you hear a smoke alarm sound, you need to know what to do to protect the people you love. A smoke alarm will wake you and your family if there is a fire.

**Have working smoke alarms.** You should have a smoke alarm on every level of your home. You should also have a smoke alarm inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

**Test your smoke alarms once a month.** Use the test button to make sure your smoke alarms are working.

**Replace smoke alarms after 10 years.** Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms.



## Have and practice an escape plan.

It is important to have a plan when there are children in the home. Children sometimes need help getting out of the house, and they may not know how to escape or what to do unless an adult shows them.

**Have a plan for young children who cannot get outside by themselves.** You will need to wake babies and very young children and help them get out. In your plan, talk about who will help each child get out safely.

**Know 2 ways out of every room.** It is important to find 2 ways out of every room in the house in case one exit is blocked or dangerous to use.

**Practice your fire escape plan at least 2 times a year.** If children are old enough, help them practice going to the outside meeting place. Teach them to never go back inside a building that is on fire.