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. Young children (especially ages 0 to 4) are at a higher risk of death or injury from a home fire than older children. Make sure your home is safe from fire and that your family is prepared.

**Fire Safety Checklist for Caregivers of Babies and Toddlers**

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

**Smoke Alarms**
- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside 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.

**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.

**Cooking Safety**
- The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- 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.

**Candle, Lighter, and Match Safety**
- Candles are kept out of reach from children.
- Smoking materials are locked up in a high place.

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

**Carbon Monoxide Alarms**
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

**Electrical and Appliance Safety**
- There are safety covers over outlets so children cannot hurt themselves.
- Children are kept at least 3 feet away from heaters or anything that gets hot.

**Have a fire escape plan.**
Very young children will need you to get them to safety in a fire. If your alarm sounds, take action immediately.

Learn more about fire prevention:
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