

# Fire Safety Checklist



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## Smoke Alarms

- There is one smoke alarm on every level of the home and also inside and outside each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

## Cooking Safety

- The cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- The kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside.
- Pots are not left unattended on the stove.

## Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Electrical cords do not run under rugs.
- Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked.
- Circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters are used for additional outlets.
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean.

## Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy, fireproof containers that are not easily tipped over.
- All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room.
- Children and pets are never left unattended with candles.

## Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than seven years old.

## Smoking Safety

- Family members who smoke buy only fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight.
- Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from items that can catch fire.
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn.

## Heating Safety

- The chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least three feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters.
- Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet from anything that can catch fire.
- Extension cords are never used with space heaters.
- Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have a tip-over shut-off function.

## Home Fire Escape Plan

- Have two ways out of each room.
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke.
- Once you're out, stay out.
- Know where to meet after the escape.
- The meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out.
- Practice your fire escape plan.

## Every Burn, Every Time

Ohio State's Comprehensive Burn Center is the only adult burn center in central Ohio verified by the American College of Surgeons and the American Burn Association. Our multidisciplinary team treats all burns ranging from minor to severe and provides patients with the expertise to guarantee the most appropriate treatment for each individual situation.

### Our multidisciplinary team is comprised of:

- physicians
  - nurses
  - pharmacist
  - physical therapist
  - occupational therapist
  - social worker
  - case manager
  - psychologist
  - dietitian
  - chaplain
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- Our burn specialists collaborate with trauma specialists in our Level I Trauma program, giving patients the expertise they need, no matter what complications they may be experiencing.
  - The Burn Center provides both inpatient and outpatient services in burn wound care and complex wound management
  - A burn injury impacts patients physically, mentally, emotionally and socially — we have an organized burn program with an entire care team to address the needs of patients and their families.
  - Our research program is focused on finding new and better treatments for burn patients.
  - The OSU Burn Center organizes burn prevention outreach programs, including First Responders Education and Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) education.
  - Ohio State's Burn Center participates in statewide disaster planning and burn education.
  - For more information, visit [go.osu.edu/burn](https://go.osu.edu/burn), or call 614-293-BURN (2876).

