

Fire Safety Checklist for Caregivers of Babies and Toddlers

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.

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.



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.

