



# FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

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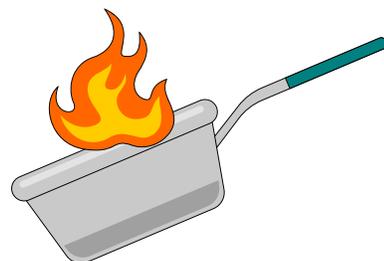
### Electrical

- Check all cords for fraying, exposed wires, or damage.
- Avoid overloading outlets or using too many appliances on one circuit.
- Plug appliances directly into wall outlets when possible.
- Use outlet covers if you have young children in the home.
- Replace or repair faulty wiring and outlets immediately.



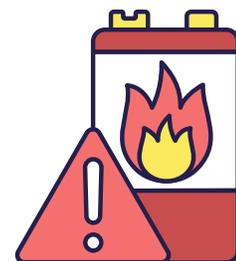
### Heating & Cooking

- Have your furnace and chimney inspected annually.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from beds, curtains, and flammable items.
- Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets (never extension cords).
- Unplug heaters and small appliances when not in use.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep dish towels, curtains, and paper items away from stovetops.
- Turn pot handles inward so children cannot pull them down.
- Teach older kids never to use stove/oven without adult supervision.



### Candles & Batteries

- Keep candles away from children, pets, and anything that burns.
- Always blow out candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Store and charge lithium-ion batteries safely on hard surfaces.
- Do not charge devices on beds, sofas, or under pillows.
- Unplug chargers when devices are fully charged.



### Smoke & CO Protection

- Install smoke detectors on every level, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.
- Install CO detectors on every level and near sleeping areas.
- Test smoke and CO devices monthly.
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years and CO detectors every 7 years.
- Replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm chirps.
- Consider monitored detectors for 24/7 emergency response.



### Escape & Response

- Identify two exits from every room (door + window).
- Choose a safe meeting place outside your home.
- Practice fire drills twice a year — in daylight and at night.
- Teach children: stop, drop, and roll; crawl low under smoke; don't hide from firefighters.
- Keep bedroom doors closed at night to slow fire and smoke spread.
- Make sure windows open easily and aren't blocked by furniture.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, laundry, and garage.
- Teach everyone in the home how to use an extinguisher (PASS: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).
- Once outside, stay outside — never re-enter a burning home.



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## The APS Fire Protection Difference

Most homes rely on stand-alone smoke alarms — but those only make noise. If you're asleep, away, or unable to respond, the alarm just keeps beeping.

APS goes beyond basic alarms with **24/7 monitored fire protection**:

-  **Immediate Response**
  - Our smoke, heat, and CO detectors send signals to our monitoring center the moment danger is detected.
  - Firefighters can be dispatched within seconds, even if you can't call 911.
-  **Always-On Protection**
  - APS smoke and CO detectors are monitored whether your security system is armed or not.
  - Protection continues whether your home, asleep, or away.
-  **Custom Placement for Maximum Coverage**
  - We install smoke, heat, and CO detection where it matters most: bedrooms, hallways, kitchens, laundry rooms, garages, and attics.
-  **Insurance Savings**
  - Many insurance providers offer discounts on homeowner's policies when you add monitored smoke and/or CO detection.
-  **Peace of Mind for Loved Ones & Pets**
  - Even when you're not home, APS ensures first responders are notified to protect your family, property, and pets.

**Bottom line:** APS doesn't just give you a warning — **we deliver help when every second counts.**

## Facts & Figures

*(data obtained from the NFPA)*

- **Every 23 seconds**, a fire department responds to a fire in the U.S.
- **3 of every 5 home fire deaths** occur in homes with no working smoke alarms.
- Home fires cause nearly **3,000 deaths** and **11,000 injuries** each year.
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) kills **400+ Americans annually** — it's invisible, odorless, and deadly.
- **Sprinklers + smoke alarms** cut the risk of dying in a home fire by **82%**.

## Leading Causes of Home Fires

*(NFPA)*

- **Cooking** – #1 cause of home fires & injuries; unattended cooking is the leading factor.
- **Heating equipment** – especially in winter months.
- **Electrical/wiring problems** – overloaded outlets, faulty cords.
- **Smoking materials** – leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- **Candles** – often in bedrooms, during holidays.
- **Children playing with fire** – matches, lighters, fireworks.
  - Teach kids early about fire safety: stop, drop & roll, don't hide from firefighters, crawl low under smoke, and know two ways out.
- **Holiday decorations/Christmas trees** – too close to heat sources.
- **Flammable liquids** – stored improperly or near open flames.

## Alarms vs. Detectors: What You Need to Know

### ALARMS

- Stand-alone units (battery or plug-in)
- Sense danger (smoke, heat, or CO) and make noise only.
- Depend on someone being home, awake, and able to respond.

### DETECTORS

- Connected to your monitored security/fire system.
- Sense danger and send a signal to a central monitoring station.
- First responders can be dispatched automatically — even if you're not home or cannot call for help.

### SUMMARY

- ➔ **Alarms** wake you up.
- ➔ **Detectors** can save your life by alerting 911 immediately.