



Windsor Fire & Rescue Services Home Fire & Burn Safety Checklist



Smoking

- ___ Only large, deep, non-tip ashtrays used
- ___ Metal container used for ashes & butts
- ___ No smoking in bed
- ___ No smoking while lying down
- ___ No smoking when sleepy
- ___ No smoking while using gasoline
- ___ No smoking when oxygen is in use
- ___ No smoking after consuming alcohol or after taking medication causing drowsiness
- ___ Cigarette butts doused with water before discarding them in metal container

Heaters

- ___ Nothing within 1 metre of a heater, furnace, stove or fireplace
- ___ Heating system inspected by certified technician annually
- ___ Electric heaters have auto-shutoff for tipping or overheating
- ___ Portable heaters turned off before leaving room or going to bed
- ___ Heavy-duty extension cords used for portable heaters, when required

Electrical

- ___ No electrical cords placed under rugs or carpets
- ___ No cords running across doorways
- ___ No cracked or frayed electrical cords
- ___ Heavy-duty extension cords used for high wattage appliances (freezer, heater, air conditioner, etc.)
- ___ No "permanent" extension cords present
- ___ All electrical appliances carry CSA approval
- ___ No electrical outlets are overloaded
- ___ Switch plates are on all switches and outlets
- ___ No electric blankets in poor condition
- ___ No heating pads in poor condition
- ___ No electrical appliances near tubs or sinks

Kitchen

- ___ Kitchen area is uncluttered
- ___ Stove, oven and appliances are clean, free of grease build-up and in good working condition
- ___ Oven mitts and pot holders are easily accessible
- ___ Handles on pots and pans are secure and in good condition
- ___ Always wear short sleeves or tight-fitting clothes when cooking
- ___ Always turn pot handles away from the edge of the stove
- ___ Never leave cooking unattended
- ___ Always have pot lids near the stove to cover a pan fire

Other Safety Issues

- ___ Working smoke alarms on every storey of home and outside sleeping areas
- ___ Smoke alarms tested monthly, vacuumed semi-annually and batteries changed annually
- ___ Have a home fire escape plan and practiced it with all members of the family
- ___ Walkways, hallways and escape routes are free of clutter and obstructions
- ___ Water heater set at 120°F or "Warm"
- ___ Carbon monoxide alarms are required by law outside of each sleeping area if there are fuel-burning appliances in the home (eg. forced air gas furnace, gas water heater, natural gas stove and/or fireplace, or an attached garage)
- ___ Water heater set at 120°F or "Warm"
- ___ CO alarms tested monthly, and batteries changed annually

Burn Treatment

- ___ If clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP & ROLL
- ___ If smoke alarm sounds – get out of house immediately
- ___ Cool all burns with cool running water for 5 minutes or longer
- ___ Do not put butter or ice on a burn – cool water only
- ___ For serious burns – call 911

Outdoors

- Gasoline is stored outside the home in a detached garage or shed
- Never use gasoline for cleaning
- Never use gasoline to light fires
- Never use gasoline to kill weeds or pests

Changes or Improvements Required

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