



# Home Fire Safety Survey

## Alarms:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home
- Check that smoke alarms are less than 10 years old from the date on the back of the alarm
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to ensure they are working
- Keep smoke alarms, at least, 10 feet away from cooking appliances
- Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home (if there is a CO source in the home)

## Fire Drill Plans and Prep:

- Create a home fire escape plan that includes 2 ways out of each room and a safe meeting place outside
- Practice your home fire escape plan, at least, twice a year
- Check that windows open easily
- Keep escape routes clear of clutter and do not block exits, including windows
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed

## Around the House:

- Remove lint from the clothes dryer lint filter after every use and clean the vent pipe often
- Replace missing outlet/switch plate covers
- Move cords away from high traffic areas (trips and falls are a leading cause of home injuries)
- Store matches and lighters in a secure cabinet
- Stay in the same room with lit candles
- Unplug small appliances when not in use
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking
- Enforce the 3 Feet Rule - keep children, pets, and anything that could burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source

## Outside:

- Store gas-powered equipment in an outdoor shed or separate garage
- Use grills outdoors only
- Make sure the house number is visible from the street
- Keep the yard clear of rubbish, trash, brush, and tree trimmings
- Maintain outdoor lighting, especially around stairs

Visit <http://firesafe.sc.gov/citizenguides.html> to learn more about these and other fire and life safety concerns.