

My Home Fire Safety Plan

Every year in Australia, people die in house fires.

Creating a home fire safety plan will give you and your loved ones the best chance of survival.



How fire safe is your home?

The speed and ferocity of a house fire can engulf a room in less than five minutes; however, most house fires are preventable.

Answer these questions:

YES NO NOT
APPLICABLE

SMOKE ALARMS

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| 1 | There are smoke alarms installed in my home on or near the ceiling in hallway next to each sleeping area and (if your house is multiple levels) in the stairwell. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | I have tested my smoke alarms and they are working. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | If deaf or hard of hearing: I have a smoke alarm that uses lights and a vibrating pad. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | My smoke alarms are less than 10 years old. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

COOKING AND HEATING

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| 5 | I turn off the cooking/any open flame when I'm not in view of it. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | I keep clothing, furniture and curtains at least one metre away from heaters. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | I turn my heater off before I go to sleep. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

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| 8 | I make sure power points and power boards are not overloaded.
<i>We recommend using powerboards with surge protection.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | I always remove my phone and electrical devices from charging as soon as they are fully charged and only charge them when I am there. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | I check electrical items for signs of wear and tear before use, and replace and dispose of them if damaged. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you've answered **no** to any of these questions, or you are unsure, please visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/fire-in-the-home for more information.



My home fire escape plan:

Complete your plan and put it somewhere everyone can access it, such as on the fridge.

If there's a fire in your home, you need a plan to get out quickly.



Is there anything blocking your exits?

YES NO

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- Keep your exit path clear of obstacles.
- Consider an escape path for your pets.



Is anything locked?

YES NO

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Check for locked doors and windows along your way out. You'll need to keep a key nearby so you can get out.



Do you or your loved ones need help to get out?

YES NO

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Who will help? _____

Decreased mobility, confusion, sight and hearing loss can all impact your ability to respond, consider:

- Locating your bedroom on the ground floor and close to an exit.
- Keeping your mobility devices and your medications within easy reach.
- If you have a personal alarm, always wear it in bed.
- Plan and practise your escape to make sure you can get through the doorways.

Our safe meeting place is

Our exits are



When there is a fire:

Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do:

- › Get out and stay out. People have died by going back into a fire.
- › Get low under smoke. Smoke is poisonous and more likely to kill you than flames.
- › Move as quick as you can. A house fire can kill you in less than three minutes.
- › Close internal doors when leaving your home to reduce fire spread.
- › Go to your safe meeting place.
- › Call **000** to report the fire.
- › Wait for firefighters to arrive.





Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms provide an early warning to a fire in your home.

We recommend:

- › Installing a smoke alarm in every bedroom, hallway and living area.
- › Installing a heat alarm in your garage.
- › Interconnecting multiple alarms.
- › Changing your 9V replaceable battery every year on 1st April. (All smoke alarms have batteries).
- › Vacuuming around the smoke alarm vents with a soft brush at least every six months.

My smoke alarms are due for replacing on

Only working smoke alarms save lives.

For smoke alarm laws, visit dfes.wa.gov.au

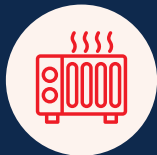
Follow these steps to improve your safety:



Install and maintain smoke alarms.



Never leave stoves and open-flames unattended.



Keep yourself and household items at least one metre from the heater.



Check electrical items for signs of damage and replace if required.



Discuss and practise a home fire escape plan.



If there is a fire, call 000.

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