

ADDITIONAL SAFETY REMINDERS

Install and maintain working smoke alarms in your home, based on a 10-year plan.

If you rent, contact your landlord about updating your smoke alarms every 10 years.

Develop an emergency escape plan for your household that includes two exits out of every room and a special meeting place outside (e.g., mailbox, tree, or neighbor's driveway). Practice the plan with all members of your household.

BOISE FIRE DEPARTMENT SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

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We provide resources for you to safely maintain your smoke alarm system in your home. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. New alarms have ten year built in batteries to ease maintenance.



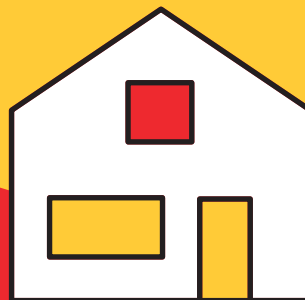
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BOISE FIRE DEPARTMENT HOME FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST



**USE THIS CHECKLIST
TO INSPECT YOUR HOME
FOR SOME OF THE LEADING
CAUSES OF FIRE.**





HEATING EQUIPMENT

- Are space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, sofas, and anything that can burn?
- Has your chimney been inspected or cleaned in the past 12 months?
- Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- Has your heating system been professionally inspected or serviced in the past 12 months?



SMOKING

- Are matches and lighters locked up high, out of sight and reach?
- Do you have large, deep, non-tip, non-combustible ashtrays?
- Are cigarette and cigar butts and ashes soaked with water before thrown away?



KITCHEN TIPS

- Does an adult stay in the kitchen when something's cooking on the stove?
- Is your stove clean? No grease, spills, or clutter?
- When you cook, do you turn pot handles in toward the back of the stove?
- Consider installing a pair of stove top canisters that attach to your kitchen hood and automatically suppress cooking fires when exposed to a sustained heat source.
- If you cook outdoors (open flame), are you more than 10 ft away from your home on a non-combustible surface?



HOUSE WIRING

- Do the tripping points of your fuses or breakers match the capacity of the circuits they protect? *They should be inspected professionally.*
- Are bathroom and kitchen outlets protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCIs)?
- Does your local safety code require the use of arc-fault circuit-interrupters (AFCIs), which detect abnormal arcing in a circuit?



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Are paints, gasoline, and other flammable liquids stored away from flames or sparks?
- Is gasoline stored outside the home in a separate shed or garage?
- Is your storage area clean – no oily rags, used paint, or varnish rags?



KEEPING YOUR FAMILY SAFE

- Do you have smoke alarms installed on every level of your home?
- Is there an alarm outside every sleeping area?
- Do your smoke alarms work? Do you test them once a month and replace batteries at least once a year? *Consider installing smoke alarms with a 10-year battery. These alarms must also be tested once a month.*
- Does everyone in your home know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- Are any smoke alarms in your home more than 10 years old? *If so, replace them.*
- Does your family have a home escape plan, and does everyone know it?
- Are your portable fire extinguishers fully charged?
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home. *Sprinklers can contain or put out a fire in less time than it takes the fire department to arrive.*
- Do you wet down hot ashes, coals, and cigarette butts and store them in a metal container to cool completely before disposing of in the trash can?



LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

- Do you always follow the manufacturer instructions? Only use the battery that is designed for the device? Only use the charging cord that came with your device?
- Do you charge batteries during waking hours and monitor them?
- Stop using the device/battery if you observe any of the following: visible damage, odor, excessive heat, leaking, change in color, change in shape, odd noises, smoking, not keeping charge.