

# HOUSE FIRE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



- Install smoke alarms in every room and on each level of the house.
- Test alarms each month and replace them every 10 years.
- Never leave open flames and heat sources unattended, including your stove and candles.
- Keep heaters three feet away from flammable materials and people.
- Plug major appliances into the wall and not into power strips.
- Get your furnace, chimney, and other home heating sources inspected annually.
- Clean your dryer's lint filters before each cycle and clean the air exhaust pipe at least once a year.
- Prepare a house fire evacuation plan and run through it with your household.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher and test it regularly as you test your smoke alarm.
- Review your home insurance policy, and understand the differences between actual cash value coverage and replacement cost value.



## Notes