Home Fire Safety Checklist

Cooking Safety
- “Keep an eye on what you fry.” Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or using an open flame.

Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.
- “3 feet from the heat.” Furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire are at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.

Smoking Safety
- Never smoke in bed.

Electrical and Appliance Safety
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.

Children Playing
- Matches and lighters are locked away.

Smoke Alarms
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Different types of smoke alarms, ionization and photoelectric, detect fire in different ways. Experts recommend having both types in your home.
- Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless it has a long-life battery.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- A combination of working smoke alarms and fire sprinklers decreases the risk of dying in a home fire.

Home Fire Escape Plan
At least twice a year, use your home fire escape plan to practice your 2-minute drill with all your family members. Practice makes perfect! After each fire drill, mark down your escape time.

Practice your 2-minute drill.
Make sure everyone can escape in 2 minutes or less.

Drill 1

Drill 2