

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

PREVENT

Preventing house fires from starting is the first line of defence. The best way to do this is to replace unsafe behaviours or situations with safer ones.


 COOKING	Tips		What I will do
Do you leave the kitchen when you are cooking?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Stay in the kitchen if you are cooking. Most house fires start as a result of unsupervised cooking.	
Do you place items that can burn close to your stove?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Keep flammable items like curtains, tea towels and paper towel away from the stove top.	
Do you allow children to cook in your kitchen?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Stay in the kitchen to supervise children when they are cooking. Keep pot and pan handles turned inwards to prevent spills.	
Do you keep your cooking area clean ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Keep your stove top, griller, rangehood, oven, and cooking appliances free from built up grease, dust and oil.	
Do you always remember to turn the stove or oven off?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Always check the oven and stove are turned off before going to bed or leaving the house.	
Do you have a fire extinguisher or fire blanket in your kitchen?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Store a fire blanket and/or extinguisher in the kitchen away from the stove and in easy reach. Only use if safe.	


ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT		Tips	What I will do
Do you leave your laptop or other devices charging on your bed or couch?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Charge devices on surfaces that do not burn easily, such as the kitchen bench, a desk or a table.	
Do you charge devices such as an e-bike, e-scooter, power tools or electric wheelchair?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Place chargers on surfaces that will not burn, and ensure you charge devices where they won't block the exits from your home. Unplug them once they are charged.	
Do you use an electric blanket when you are in bed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Check the wiring and controller for damage before use. Turn off your electric blanket before you get in to bed.	
Do you have double adaptors and power boards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Avoid using double adaptors. Avoid overloading power boards and ensure they are surge protected.	
Do you have any damaged power cords on your appliances?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Do not use electrical equipment with damaged power cords. Replace them immediately.	
Do all your electrical appliances have this symbol? 	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	All electrical equipment should have an Australian Standard or a Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM). Go to Energy Safe Victoria to learn more.	


Do you dry clothes near a heater or open fire?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Keep clothes and other flammable items at least 1 metre away from a heater or open fire.	
Do you have an open fire place or solid fuel heater?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Use a screen in front of your open fire or solid fuel heater to stop sparks and embers getting out and starting a fire. Have your chimney or flue regularly cleaned by a certified technician. Check that embers are cold before disposal.	
Do you have gas heating?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Have gas heaters serviced at least every two years to make sure they are working properly.	
Do you turn off your heater before you go to bed or go out?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Turn off your heater before going to bed or leaving the home.	
Do children live in or visit the home?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Children should be supervised near heaters and open fire places.	


For more information go to: www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-safety

For more electrical and gas safety information go to:
www.esv.vic.gov.au/community-safety/energy-safety-guides/home-safety

 CANDLES & INCENSE	Tips	What I will do
Do you use candles, incense or oil burners?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Only use on surfaces that don't burn, like the kitchen sink. Make sure they are extinguished before going to bed or going out. Consider using alternatives e.g a battery-operated candle or a diffuser.	


 DRYER	Tips	What I will do
Do you use a clothes dryer to dry your clothes?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Clean the lint filter after each load. Clean the duct system regularly. Let the dryer complete its cooldown cycle before stopping.	

 SMOKING	Tips	What I will do
Do you smoke inside?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Consider smoking outside. If you do smoke inside consider a designated area with access to enclosed ashtrays.	
Do you smoke in bed or when affected by medications, drugs or alcohol?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Smoking in bed or when lying down is one of the leading causes of fire-related deaths.	
Do you dispose of cigarette butts safely so they won't catch fire?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Dispose of butts in a high-sided or enclosed ashtray.	
Do children live in or visit the home?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children	

 HOARDING	Tips	What I will do
Is your home cluttered with items such as stacks of newspapers, cardboard or clothing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> Keep pathways and doorways clear so you can escape quickly if there is a fire. Keep flammable items away from cooking. No <input type="radio"/> Install interconnected smoke alarms in every accessible room.	

DETECT

A working smoke alarm provides early warning and time to escape safely if a fire starts.

 SMOKE ALARMS	Tips	What I will do
Do you have working smoke alarms on the ceiling in your home?	Yes <input type="radio"/> Smoke alarms are required by law to be in all homes. No <input type="radio"/> Replace or install smoke alarms yourself or get someone to do this for you.	
Do you test your smoke alarms every month?	Yes <input type="radio"/> To test, press the test button on each smoke alarm every month, and wait for the 'beep, beep, beep'. No <input type="radio"/>	
Do you have more than one smoke alarm?	Yes <input type="radio"/> FRV advises that you have smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways and living areas and that they are interconnected. No <input type="radio"/>	
Are you Deaf or hard of hearing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> Install a specialist smoke alarm that alerts you in the most suitable way for you. No <input type="radio"/>	
Do you need additional help to recognise or respond to an activating smoke alarm?	Yes <input type="radio"/> For people that may have trouble recognising or responding to a smoke alarm, Victorian fire services recommend having a personal alarm that is linked to a smoke alarm. No <input type="radio"/>	

For more information go to: www.frv.vic.gov.au/smoke-alarms

For the Deaf and hard of hearing: www.expression.com.au/services/smoke-alarm-subsidy

ESCAPE

A written Home Fire Escape Plan will help you and other people in your home know what to do if a fire starts or a smoke alarm activates.

 HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN	Tips	Actions I will do
Do you have a Home Fire Escape Plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>	Have a Home Fire Escape Plan so that everyone in your household knows how to exit the home safely and where to go if there is a fire.

For more information got to: [www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-escape-plan-and-Triple-Zero-\(000\)](http://www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-escape-plan-and-Triple-Zero-(000))

Download the FRV/CFA Home Fire Safety Booklet here: www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-safety-booklet