

# Personal Survivor

## HOUSE FIRE PROTECTION CHECKLIST

### Pre-fire Planning

- Home Evacuation Plan
- Keep exits clear
- Have Emergency Kits
- Store valuable in fire and water proof container
- Ensure working smoke alarms
- Have a rope ladder for multistorey homes
- Have adequate fire equipment, fire extinguisher, fire blankets

### Smokers Guide

- Don't smoke in bed
- Ensure never to leave a cigarette burning or smouldering.
- Don't leave matches or cigarette lighters around for children to play.

### Kitchens

- Keep any burnable material (tea towels, paper towels) away from the stove and oven.
- For stove fire, smother with lid, fire blanket or use a fire extinguisher.
- When cooking, don't wear loose clothing.
- Don't leave stove cooking unattended. If required to leave the room, switch off the stove.
- Never leave children in the kitchen unattended.
- Always have a first aid kit in the kitchen, especially for fire burns.

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### Heating

- Keep heating units in working order. Make sure wiring is not frayed or close to heating element.
- Keep heater clean dust free. Insect it regularly.
- Keep heating elements away from curtains, beds. As a rule of thumb, keep a space of 1 yard around it clutter free
- Check and test heating units thoroughly before each winter season.
- For open fires, make sure you have a fire screen to protect against sparks

### Electricity and Gas

- Have house hold electricity wiring check for deterioration in older homes
- Never over load power points.
- Ensure there is adequate safety switches on your house power circuit breakers
- Avoid using power extension. If you do, avoid placing it under furniture
- If you using gas, ensure there is adequate ventilation to remove unwanted gases
- Ensure that gas appliances are check by a qualified person at least every 2 years.
- Keep all electrical devices will ventilated so they don't over heat.  
E.g., refrigerators, computers
- Get all electricity power cable checked by a qualified electrician.

### House Preparation

- Keep house clutter free.
- Have all house deadlock keys easily access from at least two location.
- Ensure any security bars has a quick release mechanism installed
- Don't store any items close to furnaces.
- Keep flammable liquids away from the house, preferable in a garden shed.
- Ensure smoke detectors are works

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