

✓ **Yukon Fire Department**
Home Fire Safety Check List

1. Is the hot water tank and heater closet clear of anything that will burn?
2. Is all gasoline being stored in a metal container and in a safe place?
3. Are the electrical cords to all home appliances in good shape?
4. Are there any electrical outlets overloaded?
5. Has the use of extension cords been eliminated?
6. Do space heaters and stoves have enough clearance from things that will burn?
7. Is the fire Department emergency number or 911 posted on or by the telephone?
8. Are smoke detectors installed, maintained and operable?
9. Are escape plans drawn up and practiced?
10. Are matches and lighters kept out of reach and sight of all children?

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Tips
for
Fire
Safety**

1. Install and maintain smoke detectors

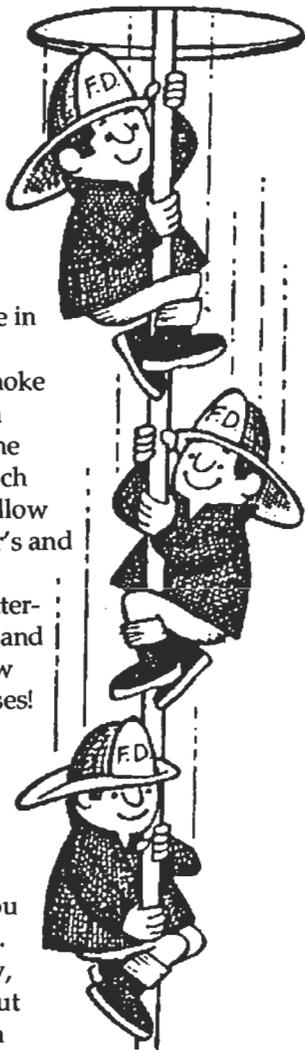
Smoke detectors warn you of a fire in time to let you escape. Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and outside of each sleeping area. Follow the manufacturer's and test once a week. Replace dead batteries immediately, and don't ever borrow them for other uses!

2. Plan and practice to escape

If fire breaks out in your home, you must get out fast. With your family, plan two ways out of every room. In case of fire, one exit may be blocked by flames or smoke! Fire escape routes must not use elevators. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone will gather. At least twice a year, have the whole family practice the escape plan.

3. Space heaters need space

Keep portable and space heaters at least 36 inches from paper, curtains, furniture,



clothing, bedding or anything else that can burn. Never leave heaters on when you leave the house or go to bed, and keep children well away from them.

4. Smokers need watchers

Carelessly discarded cigarettes cause tens of thousands of home fires every year. Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers in your home, put water on the butts before throwing them in the trash. Before going to bed, check under and around sofa cushions for smoldering cigarettes.

5. Be careful cooking

Be alert when you cook, and keep children out of the way. Keep your pots' handles turned inward so they won't be knocked over the edge of the stove. If grease catches fire, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames, then turn the burner off.

6. A match is a "tool" for adults

In the hands of a child, matches or lighters are extremely dangerous. Always store them up high where kids can't reach them. And teach your children from the start that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys for children.

7. Use electricity safely

If an appliance smokes or smells like it is burning, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Check all your electrical cords and replace any that are cracked or frayed. If you use extension cords, don't overload them or run them under the rugs. Remember that fuses and circuit breakers protect you from fire: Don't tamper with the fuse box or use fuses of an improper size.

8. Cool a burn

If someone gets burned, immediately run cool water on the wound for 5 to 10 minutes, to ease the pain. If the burn is blistered or charred, see a doctor immediately.

9. Stop, drop and roll

Even young children should know this rule: if your clothes catch fire, don't run! Stop where you are, drop to the ground, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs.

10. Crawl low under smoke

If you get caught in smoke, the cleanest air will be several inches off the floor. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe exit.

