

# Collaborative Healthcare Urgency Group

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## Home Fire Safety Checklist

- Baseboard and portable heaters are away from anything that can burn; furniture, curtains, papers, clothing, etc.



- The fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen. The chimney is checked before each heating season and repairs are made as necessary.



- Extension cords and multi-plug adapters are used as little as possible. Extension cords are not tacked to walls, under rugs or through doorways.



- Cooking food is never left unattended while on the stove or in the oven. If you have to leave the kitchen for a short time while cooking, set a timer or take something with you to remind you that the stove or oven is on.



- The stove and oven are kept clean of grease and spilt food. In the event of a fire, you know that the best response is to put a lid over the flames.



- Matches, lighters and other smoking materials are kept out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.



- Always place candles in non-tip candleholders before you light them. Keep them out of the reach of children. Extinguish candles before you leave a room or go to bed, as unattended candles start many fires each year.



- No smoking in bed is a rule in your home. Drowsy or medicated people may forget lit materials and start a fire.



- Once a year you install new batteries in your smoke alarms and you test them once each month.



- Be sure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Prepare an Escape Plan and have a Home Fire Drill so your family can practice their escape.



