



## Home Fire Safety Checklist

**Score a fire safety home run - do a home fire safety inspection!**

Striking out fire in your home requires a little homework. Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home. As you go from room to room, answer the questions on the checklist you can download from the right of this page. For each question you answer "yes" to, give yourself a point. When you're finished, add up the points to find out your score. (Points system on back of this sheet)

Kids, ask a grown-up to help you complete this checklist!

<b>First Base - Cooking Safety</b>		
yes	no	Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when grilling or frying food on the stove?
yes	no	Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
yes	no	Are there pot holders and a pot/pan lid within easy reach of the stove?
yes	no	Are pot handles turned inward so they cannot be bumped?
yes	no	Are curtains and other things that can burn well away from the stove?
yes	no	Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet (one metre) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?
<b>Second Base - Heating and Candle Safety</b>		
yes	no	Are portable space heaters always turned off when adults leave the room or go to sleep?
yes	no	If space heaters are used in your home, are they at least three feet (one metre) away from anything else that can burn, including people, furniture, and pets?
yes	no	Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
yes	no	Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned during the past year?
yes	no	Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?
yes	no	Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?
yes	no	Do you remember to blow out candles when you leave the room?
yes	no	Are lit candles kept up high where children and pets cannot knock them over?
<b>Third Base – Electrical Safety</b>		
yes	no	Are extension cords used safely? (Are they <u>not</u> under carpets or across doorways?)
yes	no	Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas? (A grown-up should unplug lamps and appliances before inspecting the cords.)
yes	no	Are kitchen appliances such as the coffee-maker, toaster oven and microwave plugged into separate receptacle outlets?
yes	no	Are all your fixtures and appliances approved? (e.g. Canadian Standards Association or Ontario Hydro)
<b>Home Plate – Smoke Alarms/Home Fire Escape</b>		
yes	no	Does your home have smoke alarms on every level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?
yes	no	Are the batteries working in all your smoke alarms? (A grown-up should help by pushing the test button to find out.)
yes	no	Are all the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys and clutter?
yes	no	Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?
yes	no	Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?

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### What was your fire safety batting average?

If you answered "yes" to all of the checklist questions congratulations! You score a fire safety home run!

If you answered "yes" to 15 to 20 questions, you've made it to third base. Just make a few adjustments, and you'll easily hit a fire safety home run.

If you answered "yes" to 10 to 14 questions, you've hit a double. You're going in the right direction, but you've got some work to do before you get to home plate.

If you answered "yes" to fewer than 10 questions, you've reached first base, but you need to make many changes around your home in order to reach home plate.

For all questions to which you answered "no" make sure your family takes the steps needed to make them a "yes" so you can all score a fire safety home run!

Adapted from the NFPA Sparky Homerun to Fire Safety

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