



# SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Home Fire Safety Checklist

A residential fire happens every half hour in Ohio. How safe is your home from fire? To determine the safety of your home from fire hazards, study these questions with the members of your household. Every “yes” answer indicates a positive fire safety situation. However, every “no” answer points to a fire hazard that needs to be corrected.

<b>Heating and Cooking Hazards</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Electrical Hazards</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is your kitchen stove, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do all portable heaters in your home bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or another recognized safety testing agency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all extension cords the right size, in the open, not under rugs or through partitions or openings, and are they for temporary use only?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When you use a portable heater, is it placed at least 3' from any and all combustible materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are extension cords the correct size (wire gauge, electrical load, length)? (They should be for portable equipment only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always turn off the portable heater when you go to bed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all electrical outlets (including light switches) protected by a cover plate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your inside basement door at the top of the stairs properly fitted and kept closed at night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Smoke Alarms</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Has everyone in the household been warned never to use any flammable liquids to start a fire in the stove, fireplace, or furnace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have a smoke alarm installed on every level of your home and in sleeping areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Before heating season begins, do you have your heating system inspected and serviced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you test your smoke alarm monthly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you set a timer to remind you of food cooking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you replace the batteries twice a year at time change?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you replaced your smoke alarm when it is 10 years old or older?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

