

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.

Heating and Cooking Hazards	YES	NO	Electrical Hazards	YES	NO
Is your kitchen stove, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?			Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?		
Do all portable heaters in your home bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or another recognized safety testing agency?			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?		
When you use a portable heater, is it placed at least 3' from any and all combustible materials?			Are extension cords the correct size (wire gauge, electrical load, length)? (They should be for portable equipment only)		
Do you always turn off the portable heater when you go to bed?			Are all electrical outlets (including light switches) protected by a cover		
Is your inside basement door at the top of the stairs properly fitted and kept closed at night?			plate?		
			Smoke Alarms	YES	NO
Has everyone in the household been warned never to use any flammable liquids to start a fire in the stove, fireplace, or furnace?			Do you have a smoke alarm installed on every level of your home and in sleeping areas?		
Before heating season begins, do you have your heating system inspected and serviced?			Do you test your smoke alarm monthly?		
			Do you replace the batteries twice a year at time change?		
Do you set a timer to remind you of food cooking?			Have you replaced your smoke alarm when it is 10 years old or		
Do you avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking?			older?		

Housekeeping Hazards	YES	NO	For Parents & Childcare Providers	YES	NO
Are areas in and around the building kept free from accumulated packing materials, paper, and other combustible materials?			Are you careful to never leave children alone in a room with a portable heater or wood stove?		
Are exits/stairways/hallways clutter-free at all times? (Trip hazards)			Do you leave a responsible person with children when you go out, even if only for a little while?		
When you store paint, varnish, etc., do you keep the containers tightly closed?			When you employ a babysitter, do you instruct them on what to do in case of a fire or other emergency?		
Do you clean the lint filter after every use of the dryer?			Do the children know their address?		
Is the dryer exhaust vent cleaned regularly (at least twice/year)?			Are matches and lighters kept out of reach of children?		
Do you vacuum and dust your smoke alarms and exhaust fans?			Do you demonstrate fire safe practices around your children?		
Are matches and lighters stored away from sources of heat?			In Case of Fire	YES	NO
Candles & Smoking Hazards	YES	NO	Do you know the telephone number of your fire department?		
Do you extinguish candles when you leave the area?			Do you know how to report a fire?		
Do you set candles only on noncombustible surfaces, well away			Is there a fire extinguisher easily accessible in your kitchen, and do you know how to use it?		
from combustible materials? Do you have plenty of large, noncombustible ash trays in every			Do you have a home escape plan with at least two ways out of every room?		
room?			Have you practiced your home escape plan by holding fire drills?		
Is "No Smoking in Bed" a rule in your home?	Ш	П	Have you included caregivers in		
Are there adequate ash trays kept outside to avoid mulch fires?			your home escape plan? Do you have a meeting place?	П	