



EAST HANOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION

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HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Walk through your home with your family. Mark Yes or No for each question. Every No identifies something to correct to help keep your home safer.

MATCHES & SMOKING

	YES	NO
Are matches and lighters stored where children cannot reach them?	☐	☐
Does everyone smoke outside and never in bed?	☐	☐
Are cigarettes fully extinguished with water before disposal?	☐	☐
Are smoking materials kept away from oxygen equipment?	☐	☐

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

	YES	NO
Is electrical work performed by a qualified electrician?	☐	☐
Are outlets and power strips free from overloads?	☐	☐
Are cords undamaged and clear of rugs and doorways?	☐	☐
Are major appliances plugged directly into wall outlets?	☐	☐

YARD & GARAGE

	YES	NO
Are leaves, debris and items that can burn cleared away?	☐	☐
Is gasoline kept in approved containers away from heat?	☐	☐
Are fuels stored outside living areas and away from exits?	☐	☐
Is the door between an attached garage and the home kept closed?	☐	☐

HOUSEKEEPING

	YES	NO
Are exits, stairs and hallways clear of clutter?	☐	☐
Are stored papers and fabrics kept away from heat sources?	☐	☐
Are oily rags handled and disposed of according to product instructions?	☐	☐
Are paint and solvent containers tightly closed and safely stored?	☐	☐

COOKING & APPLIANCES

	YES	NO
Do you stay in the kitchen when frying, boiling, grilling or broiling?	☐	☐
Are burners and the oven turned off when cooking is finished?	☐	☐
Is the dryer turned off before leaving home or going to bed?	☐	☐
Is the dryer lint filter cleaned before every load?	☐	☐

ALARMS & ESCAPE PLAN

	YES	NO
Are smoke alarms in bedrooms, outside sleeping areas and on every level?	☐	☐
Are smoke and carbon monoxide alarms tested and maintained?	☐	☐
Does everyone know two ways out of each room where possible?	☐	☐
Have you practiced your escape plan and chosen an outside meeting place?	☐	☐

EMERGENCY: 911 | Get out. Stay out. Call from outside.

Review again after correcting hazards. Keep this checklist with your home escape plan.

Safety resources: U.S. Fire Administration | usfa.fema.gov/prevention/home-fires/