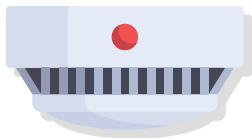


# Fire Safety Tips

## HOME FIRE SAFETY

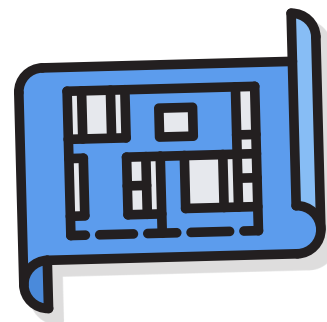
*Working smoke alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by 50 percent.*

- Nearly 87 percent of all fire-related deaths are due to home fires, which spread rapidly and can leave families with as little as two minutes to escape once an alarm sounds.



- Check smoke alarms. Make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, in bedrooms and near sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms every month and replace them every 10 years, or when the battery is low.

- Smoke alarm batteries should be changed every 6 months, unless the system is hard-wired.
- Create and practice a fire escape plan. The plan should have two ways out of every room. Choose a place to meet outside that is a safe distance away from your home.
- Practice a home fire drill with your family at least twice a year, ensuring that you can escape in under two minutes. Sometimes that is all the time you will have to get out of your home safely.
- If there is a fire, leave home immediately. If there is a lot of smoke, get low and crawl out of the house as quickly as possible. Call 911 after you are a safe distance away from your home.



## FIREWORKS SAFETY

- Children should never play with fireworks. Sparklers should be used outside and away from the face, clothing and hair.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand, or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear eye protection and don't carry fireworks in your pocket – the friction could set them off.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others setting off fireworks. They can backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction.

## GRILLING SAFETY

- Position your grill well away from siding, deck railings and overhanging branches, and keep it a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited when the grill is hot.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to a grill that is already lit. Flames can flash back into the container and explode.
- Only grill outdoors! If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as garages or tents, grills pose a fire hazard and risk exposing occupants to carbon monoxide.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by setting a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Never leave the grill unattended while cooking, which is the top cause of residential fires.

