

# Stopping A Fire Before it Starts

## 5 Things You Can Do Today:



### Do a Smoke Alarm Audit

- Install at least one UL-listed smoke alarm on every level of your home.
- Check that alarms are installed on ceilings or high on walls.
- For ceiling mounted, make sure they are four inches away from the nearest wall.
- For wall mounted, check that they are four to 12 inches down from the ceiling.
- Test smoke alarms weekly and replace batteries twice a year.
- Replace alarms that are more than 10 years old or have been painted over.
- Test that you can hear alarms in every room of the house, even with doors closed.
- Mark your calendar for the next testing date.



### Make Extinguishers Handy

- Check that you have at least one UL-listed fire extinguisher in the home.
- Examine the gauge to be sure that it is still fully charged.
- Familiarize yourself with the instructions now when there is no emergency.



### Talk Prevention with Your Kids

Make sure your kids know:

- Never play with matches, lighters or candles.
- Never play with electrical cords and never put anything in a socket.
- Blankets or clothes should never be thrown on top of lamps.
- Don't turn up a heater without a grown-up's permission.
- If your clothes catch on fire, **stop, drop and roll.**



### Look at Your Home From Your Child's Perspective

- Tour your home from your child's perspective on your hands and knees.
- Identify potential hazards and move/replace/adjust accordingly.
- Check closets and other "secret" kid places for evidence of playing with fire.



### Avoid overloading sockets and cords

- Walk-through of your home looking for overloaded sockets or extension cords.
- Check wattage on lamps and cords to avoid overloading.



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# “We are Fire Safety Smart!”

Congratulations ..... Family

You’ve completed each activity on the fire-prevention checklist.  
Way to be smart about fires!



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