



Fire Safety Checklist for the

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Everyone in your family has a role to play in staying safe from fire.

Everyone in your family should know about smoke alarms.

Everyone in your family should know what to do if there is a fire in your home.

Kid's Checklist

- Does your home have smoke alarms on the ceiling outside the bedrooms and sleeping areas?
- Do you know the sound that the smoke alarm makes when it senses smoke?
- Do you know what to do if the smoke alarm goes off?
- Are all the ways out of your house clear - no furniture, toys or clutter blocking the way?
- Do you know how to get out of a room filled with smoke?
- Has your family chosen a place to meet outside if there's a fire and you all have to get out?

Grown-up's Checklist

- Are your smoke alarms less than 10 years old?
- Do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month?
- Do you clean the smoke alarms at least every 6 months?
- Do you change replaceable batteries in your smoke alarms at the end of daylight saving every year?
- Does your family have a Home Fire Escape Plan?
- Does the whole family practise your Home Fire Escape Plan twice a year?

Find full guidelines on how to make a good Home Fire Escape Plan at www.mfs.sa.gov.au

Practise your Home Fire Escape Plan the fun way!
Follow these easy steps to complete a drill.

1. Call the family together and let everyone know that you are going to do a fire drill.
2. Explain that when the smoke alarm goes off everyone should quickly leave the home and go to the meeting place outside.
3. Ask everyone to go to a different room and wait for the alarm. After several minutes push the smoke alarm test button to sound the alarm.
4. Watch your family's actions.
5. Take note of the time the alarm goes off.
6. When everyone is gathered at the meeting place, take note of the time again. Ask each family member to explain what they did when the alarm went off.
7. Review the process, discuss improvements, repeat the exercise and try to improve on the evacuation time.

