

# Fire | Facts Fire and Burn Safety Checklist

You and your family may be at risk of a fire or burn-related injury. This simple checklist can help you identify some common hazards and prevent a fire or burn injury from occurring.

- YES/NO *All of my family members know to dial 9-1-1 or the fire department in an emergency.*
- YES/NO *I test the smoke alarms in my home once a month.*
- YES/NO *I change the batteries in my smoke alarms once a year, or sooner if necessary.*
- YES/NO *Each room in my home has two clear exits.*
- YES/NO *Every sleeping area and each level of my home is equipped with a working smoke alarm.*
- YES/NO *My family has developed and practices a home fire escape plan.*
- YES/NO *My house numbers can be seen from the street by emergency responders.*
- YES/NO *Household chemicals, matches and cigarette lighters are stored out of the reach of children.*
- YES/NO *Electrical cords are not damaged and are used properly.*
- YES/NO *I have a fire extinguisher in my kitchen and know how to use it.*
- YES/NO *No combustible materials are stored near cooking areas or heating appliances.*
- YES/NO *My kitchen vent-hood is clean and properly maintained.*
- YES/NO *The lint collector on my clothes dryer is inspected and cleaned before each use.*
- YES/NO *I generally practice good housekeeping habits in keeping work areas, the garage, heater closets, etc., free of potential fire hazards.*
- YES/NO *Gasoline is kept in a labelled and approved safety container and is stored in a locked garage or storage shed.*
- YES/NO *After fuelling my lawn mower, I move it away from the gasoline vapours before I start it.*
- YES/NO *Paints, thinners and other flammable liquids are stored in their original containers, and used in well-ventilated areas away from heat, sparks, or flame.*
- YES/NO *I never leave food cooking on a stove or barbeque unattended.*
- YES/NO *I never smoke when drowsy or when in bed.*

**For more information, please contact the Fire Commissioner's Office at (780) 427 8392, or visit [www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca).**  
Dial 310-000 for toll-free access outside of Edmonton

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- YES/NO *I dispose of cigarette butts in ashtrays or metal containers with sand — not in planters, trashcans, grass, at the roadside, or any other place where they may start a fire.*
- YES/NO *Before lighting my gas barbeque, I check for gas leaks by applying a soapy solution over the connections and hose.*
- YES/NO *I never allow young children to play around or use the barbeque.*
- YES/NO *I know that the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professional display.*
- YES/NO *I check with the local fire department about regulations and permits before I burn grass, trash or brush.*
- YES/NO *If a burn injury happens, I know to cool it immediately in water for 10 to 15 minutes, and seek medical help.*
- YES/NO *I build my campfire downwind, away from the tent and dry vegetation, and NEVER use gasoline or other flammable/combustible liquids to start the fire.*
- YES/NO *I never leave children unattended near a campfire.*
- YES/NO *Before leaving the campsite, I put the fire out by slowly adding water and stirring, and then testing it for heat.*
- YES/NO *I never cook or use matches, candles or open flames inside a camping tent.*
- YES/NO *Before going on vacation, I ensure all stoves and electrical appliances/equipment have been turned off or disconnected.*

If you answered NO to any of the above questions, you and your family may be at risk of fire or burn injury. Please contact your local fire department to correct the hazard or for more information. Check out the Fire Commissioner's Office website at [http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/fco\\_FireCampaigns.htm](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/fco_FireCampaigns.htm) to learn more about fire and burn safety.