

Home Fire Safety

FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service

Fire safety checklist

How prepared are you for a house fire?
Answer these questions to find out.

		Y	N
1	Do you have smoke alarms in each sleeping area, hallway, living area and at the top of stairways?		
2	Do you test your smoke alarms every month ?		
3	Do you dust and vacuum your smoke alarms every six months?		
4	Do you replace the batteries annually or when the low battery alarm activates? Remember, Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery at the end of daylight savings in April.		
5	Are your smoke alarms photoelectric with a 10-year long-life lithium battery ?		
6	Is your house number easy to see so emergency vehicles can find you?		
7	Does everyone know the emergency phone number triple zero '000' ?		
8	Does everyone know how to – ' Cover Your Face and Stop, Drop, Rock and Roll ' if clothes catch fire?		
9	Has your household made and practiced a home fire escape plan?		
10	Have you planned one safe meeting place outside?		
11	Are the keys to deadlocks kept in or near exits in case you need to escape?		
12	Do you always have electrical repairs, alterations or renovations done by a qualified electrician ?		
13	Do you avoid overloading power points and power boards?		
14	Do you switch off appliances when not in use?		
15	Are flammable liquids stored away from heaters, hot water service pilot lights and other naked flames?		

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		Y	N
16	Is your electric blanket switched off before you get into bed or leave home?		
17	Do you always use a fire screen with an open fire?		
18	Do you keep clothing, furniture and curtains at least 2 metres away from heaters ?		
19	Are matches and cigarette lighters locked away from children?		
20	Do you check and clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer before you use it?		
21	Does everyone know the cold water first aid treatment for burns?		
Total number of 'yes' answers			

What did you score? Every 'Yes' scores a point.

16 to 21 Well done.

You are giving yourself the best chance of protecting your life, your family and your home from a house fire. Keep it up!

10 to 15 Not bad.

But there are still several things you can do to decrease the likelihood of fire and protect your family.

Less than 10 You need to be far more fire aware.

Act now to better protect your family and your home. The potential for fire in your household is dangerously high.