



Tasmania Fire Service

Home Fire Safety

CHECKLIST

How prepared are you for a house fire?

Answer these questions to find out

| | | YES | NO |
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| 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. | Is your house number easy to see so emergency vehicles can find you? | | |
| 6. | Does everyone know the emergency phone number triple zero '000' ? | | |
| 7. | Does everyone know how to – 'Cover Your Face and Stop, Drop, Rock and Roll' if clothes catch fire? | | |
| 8. | Has your household made and practiced a home fire escape plan? | | |
| 9. | Have you planned one safe meeting place outside? | | |
| 10. | Are the keys to deadlocks kept in or near exits in case you need to escape? | | |
| 11. | Do you always have electrical repairs, alterations or renovations done by a qualified electrician ? | | |
| 12. | Do you avoid overloading power points and power boards? | | |
| 13. | Do you switch off appliances when not in use? | | |
| 14. | Are flammable liquids stored away from heaters, hot water service pilot lights and other naked flames? | | |
| 15. | Is your electric blanket switched off before you get into bed or leave home? | | |



| | | YES | NO |
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| 16. | Do you always use a fire screen with an open fire? | | |
| 17. | Do you keep clothing, furniture and curtains at least 2 metres away from heaters ? | | |
| 18. | Are matches and cigarette lighters locked away from children? | | |
| 19. | Do you check and clean the lint filter of your clothes dryer before you use it? | | |
| 20. | 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 20: 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: The potential for fire in your household is dangerously high. **You need to be far more fire aware** and act now to better protect your family and your home.



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