

# Home Fire Safety

## CHECKLIST



Tasmania Fire Service



### How prepared are you for a house fire?

Answer these questions to find out.

		Y	N
1	Do you have <b>smoke alarms</b> in each sleeping area, hallway, living area, garage, and (if you have a multi-storey home) on every storey?		
2	Do you <b>test</b> your smoke alarms <b>every month</b> ?		
3	Do you <b>dust and vacuum</b> your smoke alarms every six months?		
4	Do you <b>replace the batteries annually</b> or when the low battery alarm activates? (Remember: <i>Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery</i> at the end of daylight savings in April.)		
5	Are your smoke alarms fitted with a <b>10-year long-life lithium battery</b> ?		
6	Is your house number <b>easy to see</b> so emergency vehicles can find you?		
7	Does everyone know the emergency phone number <b>Triple Zero (000)</b> ?		
8	Does everyone know how to ' <b>Cover Your Face and Stop, Drop, Rock and Roll</b> ' if their clothes catch fire?		
9	Has your household <b>made and practiced</b> a home fire escape plan?		
10	Have you planned one <b>safe meeting place</b> outside?		
11	Are the <b>keys to deadlocks kept in or near exits</b> in case you need to escape?		
12	Do you always have electrical repairs, alterations or renovations done by a <b>qualified electrician</b> ?		
13	Do you avoid <b>overloading</b> power points and power boards?		
14	Do you <b>switch off</b> appliances when not in use?		
15	Do you only charge devices using the <b>approved manufacturer's charger</b> ?		

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

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

### 16 to 22 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.