

# Home Fire Safety Checklist

## General Safety:

- Is your home free of hazards, well lit and uncluttered?
- Do you have a no-smoking rule inside the house?
- Do you clean your dryer lint screen with every use?
- Do you have fire extinguishers and smoke detectors throughout your home?

## Kitchen:

- Are potholders stored near to the stove?
- Are flammable items like curtains and towels kept away from the stove?
- Do you turn your pot handles inward so they won't be bumped?
- Is there adult supervision whenever food is being cooked on the stove?
- Are children taught to stay at least three feet away from the stove?

## Heating:

- Are your propane tanks/fuels stored outside your home and well ventilated?
- Are flammables stored in their UL or FM approved containers?
- Do you service your furnace annually?
- If you have a fireplace, is the chimney inspected and cleaned annually?
- Do you use a fireplace screen to catch sparks?
- Are any space heaters kept at least three feet away from flammables?
- Are space heaters turned off when adults leave the room, or go to sleep?

## Electrical Safety:

- Are electrical cords in good shape: not worn, cracked, pinched or melted?
- Are your kitchen appliances plugged into separate outlets to prevent overload?
- Are your extension cords used safely: not under carpets or across doorways?

## Candle Safety:

- Are candleholders steady and away from clutter or flammable material/liquids?
- Do you always extinguish candles when leaving a room?

## Prevention Measures:

- Are working smoke detectors located on every level of your home?
- Have you recently tested their batteries to make sure they're working?
- Do you have a home fire escape plan that your family has practiced?
- Are all of your exits free of obstructions?
- Have you chosen a safe outside meeting spot in case of a fire?