



# Home Burns Safety Checklist

Use this Home Burns Safety Checklist to check the safety of your home. If you tick 'NO' to any of the questions, make a change so you can tick 'YES' and **keep your family safe!**



YES NO

- Do you have working smoke alarms installed? Have you checked these recently?  YES  NO

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- Is the hot water in your bathroom/ ensuite delivered at no more than 50°C? If not, contact a licensed plumber to install mixing valves that safely lower the delivery temperature of water.  YES  NO

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- Is your home fitted with a working electrical safety switch?  YES  NO

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- Do you have a fire blanket and fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen?  YES  NO

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- Are children's nightwear labelled as 'Low Fire Danger'?  YES  NO

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- Is there a first aid kit in your home? Check expiry dates.  YES  NO

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- Is the microwave out of reach of young children and at a safe height for adults?  YES  NO

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- Do you use power boards with surge protectors?  YES  NO

YES NO

- Are electrical cords out of sight and reach of children?  YES  NO

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- Are there safety guards around fireplaces, stoves and heaters?  YES  NO

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- Do you remove hot water bottles and wheat bags before getting into bed?  YES  NO

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- Do you replace your hot water bottles every year?  YES  NO

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- Are chemicals and poisonous substances kept in original containers?  YES  NO

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- Are all chemicals and poisonous substances stored in a secured area?  YES  NO

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- Does your family play in the shade, wear hats, sunscreen, sun smart clothing and shoes?  YES  NO

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- Is at least 50% of your play and pool area protected from the sun's ultra violet rays by natural shade or shade structures?  YES  NO

## Home Burns Safety Checklist cont...



YES NO

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| Do you have window shades on your car for young children?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in your car?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does everyone in your home know the triple zero (000) emergency number?                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a fire escape plan for your home? Do you practice it regularly with family members?              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you live in a bushfire prone area, does your family have a prepared and practiced bushfire survival plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you always supervise children around heaters, open fires and candles?                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you store batteries, particularly lithium button batteries out of reach and dispose of them safely?       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you checked that button battery compartments on devices are secured and can't be accessed by children?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is access to the kitchen restricted by using a safety barrier?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

YES NO

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| Do your appliances have short cords that do not dangle over the bench?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the kettle, including the cord, out of children's reach?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you use the back hot plates and turn pot handles around to prevent pots being pulled from the hot plate, or do you have a stove guard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have a child-resistant lock on your oven door?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are matches, lighters, cigarettes and ashtrays stored in a place where children cannot reach them?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are cups of hot tea/coffee kept out of reach of children?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are curtains kept away from the stove?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are hair straighteners and curlers unplugged when not in use?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are hair straighteners and curlers unplugged when not in use and stored in a secure cupboard?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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