

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Is your home safe from fire?

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- ☐ Does your home have working smoke and CO alarms on every level and outside every sleeping area?
- ☐ Do you test your smoke and CO alarms monthly?
- ☐ Do you replace your alarms every 10 years, or according to the manufacturer's instructions?
- ☐ Have the smoke alarm batteries been changed in the past year?
- ☐ Can everyone in the house hear the smoke alarm?

Kitchen Safety

- ☐ Does an adult stay in the kitchen when cooking food on the stove?
- ☐ Are children always supervised around cooking equipment and advised not to cook without adult supervision?
- ☐ Are nearby countertops clear of clutter?
- ☐ Is the stove clean and free of grease?
- ☐ Are pot handles turned towards the back of the stove to avoid accidents?
- ☐ Are curtains, paper towels, and oven mitts, or anything that can burn, far away from the stovetop?

Electrical Safety

- ☐ Are power bars used instead of extension cords?
- ☐ Are the electrical cords and plugs free from damage and wear?
- ☐ Do you avoid placing electrical cords under rugs or across doorways?
- ☐ Are small kitchen appliances such as kettles, toasters and coffee makers unplugged when not in use?

Heating Safety

- ☐ Is the chimney/furnace cleaned and checked annually?
- ☐ Does your fireplace have doors or a screen to catch sparks?
- ☐ Are space heaters one metre away from things that can burn?
- ☐ Are space heaters unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed?

A message from the Fire Chiefs:

“Working smoke alarms are required by law and are the most effective way to survive a fire. Stay safe and stay alert.”

Smoking Safety

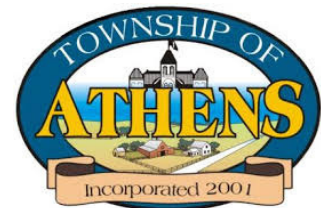
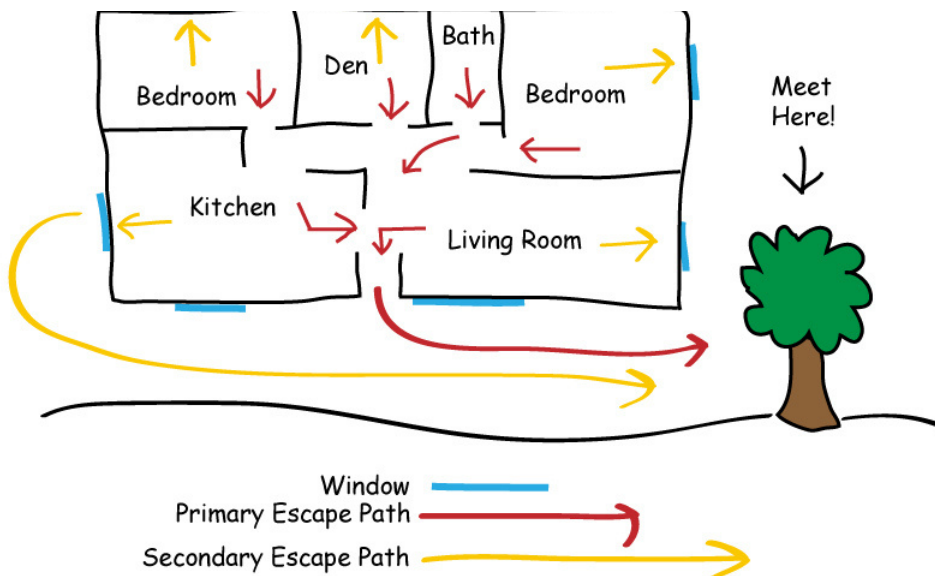
- ☐ Does an adult extinguish ashes in a metal tin with sand, and where are empty ashtrays?
- ☐ Do smokers avoid smoking in bed, while on medication, or when tired?
- ☐ Are matches and lighters stored out of the reach of children?

Candle Safety

- ☐ Are candles kept out of the reach of children and pets?
- ☐ Are candles kept away from anything that can burn?
- ☐ Do you blow out candles before leaving or sleeping?

Fire Scape Plan

- ☐ Do you and your family have a fire escape plan if the smoke and CO alarm activates?
- ☐ Are there two ways out in case of a fire?
- ☐ Do you and your family have an appropriate meeting place?
- ☐ Have you practiced a home drill with everyone in your household?
- ☐ Is there someone assigned to assist young, elderly, or individuals with disabilities?
- ☐ Explain how smoke rises and how to crawl under the smoke to safety.



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