



Tasmania Fire Service

# Home Fire Safety

## CHECKLIST

## How prepared are you for a house fire?

Answer these questions to find out

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



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16.	Do you always use a <b>fire screen</b> with an open fire?		
17.	Do you keep clothing, furniture and curtains at least <b>2 metres away from heaters</b> ?		
18.	Are <b>matches and cigarette lighters</b> locked away from children?		
19.	Do you check and <b>clean the lint filter</b> of your clothes dryer before you use it?		
20.	Does everyone know the <b>cold water first aid</b> treatment for burns?		
<b>Total number of 'yes' answers</b>			

## 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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