

TENNESSEE STATE FIRE MARSHAL HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST



Area of Risk	Yes	No	Question
Matches and careless smoking			Are matches kept out of the reach of small children?
			Are matches kept away from heaters, stoves and other heat sources?
			Is smoking in bed or comfortable chairs a violation of your home's rules?
			Are ash trays kept handy?
			Do you check to see that all matches and ashes are cool before you throw them away?
Heating and cooling			Are furnace, stoves and flue pipes away from combustibles and checked regularly?
			Are walls and ceilings properly protected from sources of heat?
			Are portable heaters maintained properly?
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			Is the chimney cleaned and checked regularly?
			Are clothes, curtains and furniture kept at least three feet away from stoves, heaters and fireplaces?
			Are the stove, oven broiler and/or vent filters kept clean from grease?
Electricity			Are extension cords in good condition and arranged safely?
			Do the cords on any of your appliances have scorch marks; cracks; frayed wires; or loose, bent or broken plugs?
			Do any cords or electrical outlets feel warm? (If so, have a licensed electrician check your wiring.)

Housekeeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is trash in your attic, cellar, closets, yard, garage or stairs?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids stored in approved safety cans?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids kept away from heat and out of children's reach?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are paints kept in tightly closed metal containers?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you avoid using flammable liquids (like gasoline) for cleaning clothes and starting wood fires? (Hint: Avoid doing this.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you avoid storing rags, papers and other combustibles in the home?
Fire-safe habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have smoke alarms?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you check your smoke alarms each month?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you changed your smoke alarms' batteries at least once this year – if they are powered by regular batteries?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have an escape plan – with two means of exit – for every room in your home?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you practice home fire drills at least once a year?