

Winter Fire Safety Checklist

CHECK YOUR
HOTSPOTS

THIS WINTER



CANDLES



Keep away from curtains and windows
Place on a safe surface (not directly on wood or plastic)
Use only in the presence of adults

ELECTRIC BLANKETS



Check that wires are not damaged
Visually inspect the blanket for burn spots
Fit blanket firmly to bed
Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed and turn off before getting into bed

HEATERS



Check before first use each winter
Maintain heater according to manufacturer's instructions
Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre away
Always supervise children in rooms with heaters

KITCHEN



Never leave cooking unattended
Keep pot handles turned inwards so they can't be knocked over

LAUNDRY



Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after use
Let the dryer complete its cycle – cool down is essential

GENERAL FIRE HINTS



Don't overload power points
Only use one appliance for each outlet on a power-board
Replace damaged power cords
Never smoke in bed - high risk of fire, very high risk of injury
Always have a working smoke alarm between the living and sleeping areas of your home
Change your smoke alarm battery annually at the end of daylight saving
Test and clean your smoke alarms regularly

OPEN FIRE PLACES



Always place a screen in front of an open fire
Extinguish fires before going to bed or going out
Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre away
Always supervise children in rooms with open fires

FIRE SAFETY AND SECURITY



Never deadlock yourself in your home
Develop and practice your home escape plan, have two ways to escape from each room
Existing deadlocks on doors should have the keys left in them when you are home
Know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher

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