YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Draw your home floor plan in the grid and mark all the exits.
- Identify two ways out of every room.
- Decide on an outside meeting place, such as the letterbox.
- Practise your home fire escape plan regularly with the whole family.
- Keep this plan handy to remind everyone of the safe exits in case of fire.
HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Smoke alarms
- Test and clean regularly.
- At least one on each level.
- One in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.

Chimneys and flues
- Clean yearly.

Bedroom
- Never smoke in bed.
- Don’t leave laptops on bed.
- Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed.
- Turn off before you get into bed.
- Remove heavy items from bed when on.
- Keep flat with controls at the side of the bed.
- Regularly check for broken and worn wiring.

Electric blankets
- Keep away from curtains.
- Always use on non-combustible surfaces.

Open fire place
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Put out fires before going to bed or going out.
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.

Front door
- Never deadlock doors when you’re at home. If you must keep doors deadlocked, leave your keys in the lock.
- Let the dryer complete its cooldown cycle before stopping.

Kitchen
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep combustibles such as teatowels and curtains away from cooking and heat sources.
- Keep pot handles turned in.
- Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free of grease residue.

Heaters
- Install, maintain and operate according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.
- Turn off before going to bed or going out.

Candles
- Keep away from curtains.
- Always use on non-combustible surfaces.

Laundry
- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
- Develop and practise your home fire escape plan – have two ways to escape each room and a designated safe meeting point outside your home, e.g. letterbox.

Remember…
- If your smoke alarms have removable batteries replace them every year.
- Supervise children near heating equipment.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.
- Keep electrical appliances and equipment in good working order.
- Replace damaged equipment e.g. power cords.
- Don’t overload power boards.
- Have and know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher.

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