



# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

## *For Residents/Citizens*

### SMOKE ALARMS

- **Have Smoke Alarms** — Install one in every bedroom or sleeping area and one on every level of your home.
- **Have the Correct Smoke Alarms**
  - **Standard** — Photoelectric/or Ionization smoke alarms.
  - **Bed Shakers** — For hearing impaired, deaf, elderly.
  - **Strobe Lights** — For hearing impaired, deaf, elderly that plugs directly into the wall. Industrial strobe.
  - **Nest** — Smoke/CO combo that alerts your phone when it goes off.
- **Test Your Alarms** — Press the smoke alarm test button once a month to assure your alarms work.
- **Change Batteries** — For 9-volt battery smoke alarms, change batteries once a year or when alarm chirps.

### CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS (CO)

- **Have CO Alarms** — Install a working CO alarm on every level of your home.
- **Best Placement** — CO alarms are best near kitchens, garages, utility rooms, appliances.
- **Change CO Alarms** — Install new CO alarms every 6 to 8 years.

#### *Safety Tip*

If you are having any symptoms like:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Weakness
- Upset stomach
- Vomiting
- Chest pain
- Confusion



Please call your local fire department to come evaluate your home CO level.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Most fire deaths happen overnight and a closed bedroom door can slow the spread of flames, reduce smoke inhalation that could save your life.



## FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- **Plan Your Escape** — Have a plan designed around your abilities.

### Things to Consider

- Can you get out on your own without equipment or assistance?
  - If you need equipment, be sure it is accessible at all times.
  - If you need someone to assist you, answer the who, what, when, where and how.
  - Make sure your equipment fits through all exits.
  - Use a bedroom on ground floor close to an exit if possible.
  - Install exit ramps or widen door to make escape easier.
- **Know Two Ways Out** — Include family, neighbors, friends or a building manager in practicing your escape plan.
  - **Windows and Doors** — Practice opening locked windows and doors.
  - **Service Animals** — Be sure to include any service animals in your plan.
  - **Need Extra Help?** — Call your local fire departments non-emergency number if you need help with your escape planning.

## PREPARE A GO BAG

In a fire you have very little time to escape. Be prepared by having essential items in a bag that you or first responders can easily grab.

- Seven (7) day supply of necessary medications.
- Emergency contact information.
- Contact information for equipment replacements.
- Necessary medical supplies/refills.

## CALLING 911

When contacting 911 be sure to tell dispatcher:

- Full name.
- Nature of disability.
- Your exact location within home.
- Any necessary/life-saving equipment needed (i.e. wheelchairs, medication, oxygen).



Plan ahead for an emergency by giving 911 the information they need to help you fast.

Sign up at [smart911.com](https://smart911.com).

*\*may not be available in your area*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire fatalities. For your safety:

- Never smoke in bed.
- Never smoke when tired.
- Never smoke when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Never smoke while on medical oxygen.

## FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION!

Check out the MI Prevention fire safety information for more tips and videos on fire safety!



<https://bit.ly/MIPreventionFireSafety>