

# FIRE SAFETY ESCAPE PLAN



**2.5 Minutes:** Average time to escape a house fire after the smoke alarm sounds.



-Maximize that time by planning three steps ahead-

① **SOUND THE ALARM**



② **LIGHT THE PATH**



③ **KNOW YOUR WAY OUT**

**EXIT**



Test your detectors monthly



Install smoke-alarm activated lights



Establish and practice your family's escape route

# To operate an extinguisher:

**P**ull

**A**im

**S**queeze

**S**weep

① **P**ULL the pin

② **A**IM  
nozzle  
at base  
of fire

③ **S**QUEEZE  
the handle

④ **S**WEEP nozzle  
side to side

Know your extinguisher

Use the correct extinguisher

*(Check your own extinguisher's label  
for detailed instructions.)*







# Home Fire Safety Checklist

Home fires in the United States number over 1,000 a day. How safe is your home from fire? Have the whole family study these questions and check for fire hazards. Every "No" points to a fire hazard.

## MATCHES AND CARELESS SMOKING HAZARDS



Do you keep matches away from sources of heat such as stoves or heaters?

YES NO

Do you make sure matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them?

Do you have plenty of large, non-combustible ashtrays in every room?

Is "No smoking in bed" a rule in your home?

## ELECTRICAL HAZARDS



Do you allow only qualified electricians to install or extend your wiring?

YES NO

Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?

Do you have special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as stoves?

YES NO

Do you use only 15 amp fuses for your household light circuits?

Are all extension cords in the open—not run under rugs, over hooks or through partitions or door openings?

## YARD AND GARAGE HAZARDS



Do you keep your yard cleared of leaves, debris and combustible rubbish?

YES NO

If any of the surrounding property is vacant, have weeds, dry leaves and rubbish been cleared off?

If you keep gasoline for use in a power mower or outboard motor, is it stored in a strong, metal safety-type can with self-closing caps on the openings?

If your garage is attached to the house, is it separated by a tight-fitting door, which is kept closed?

## HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS

Do you keep your basement, closets and attic cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture and other combustible odds and ends?

YES NO



After using oily polishing rags or waste, do you destroy them or place them in covered metal cans?

If you store paint, varnish, etc., do you keep the containers tightly closed?

## HOME APPLIANCE HAZARDS

Do you always turn off the stove/oven before leaving the kitchen?

YES NO

Do you always turn the dryer off before leaving your home?



Do you always clean the lint tray in your dryer before each use?