

Room-by-Room Safety Checklist

KITCHEN

- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen
- Maintain electric and gas stoves in good operating condition
- Keep baking soda on hand to extinguish stove-top grease fires
- Move the handles of pots and pans containing hot liquids away from the front of the stove
- Place flammable curtains and towels away from stove burners
- Store matches and lighters out of the reach of children
- Properly store flammable liquids in approved containers and away from ignition sources such as pilot lights

LIVING ROOM

- Install a screen on your fireplace
- Store the ashes from your fireplace (and barbecue) in a non-combustible container and dispose of only when cold
- Clean fireplace chimneys and flues at least once a year

HALLWAY

- Make sure that electrical outlets are designed to handle appliance loads
- Install child safety plugs (caps) on electrical outlets
- Replace electrical cords that do not work properly, have loose connections or are frayed

BEDROOM

- Turn off electric blankets and other electric appliances when not in use
- Do not smoke in bed
- Keep a fire extinguisher in bedrooms if the occupant is capable of using it properly

BATHROOM

Disconnect hot appliances such as curling irons and electric irons when done; store in a safe location until cool

Keep flammable items such as towels away from wall and floor heaters

GARAGE

Mount a fire extinguisher in the garage

Have a shovel, hoe, rake and bucket available for use in a wildfire emergency

Install a solid door with self-closing hinges between living areas and the garage

Dispose of oily rags in metal containers

Store all combustibles away from ignition sources such as water heaters

Disconnect electrical tools and appliances when not in use

Allow hot tools such as glue guns and soldering irons to cool before storing

ROOF

Remove dead branches overhanging your roof

Remove any branches within 10 feet of your chimney

Clean all dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters

Install a roof that meets the fire resistance classification of "Class C" or better

Cover your chimney outlet and stovepipe with a nonflammable screen of 1/2 inch or smaller mesh

LANDSCAPING

Create a "defensible space" by removing all flammable vegetation at least 30 feet from all structures and replacing it with fire resistive plants

Choose ornamental landscaping plants that are fire resistive