



# Home Fire Safety Checklist

## Remember.....

- Only working smoke and CO alarms save lives
- Test and clean alarms regularly
- In event of fire evacuate and call 000
- Alarms must be replaced every 10 years
- Change removeable batteries every April 1st
- Over half of hard of hearing people don't wear their hearing aids or cochlear implants to sleep – for early warning fit a hard of hearing alarm with strobe and vibrating pad
- Complete the checklist then help your elderly relatives and/or neighbors

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Test and clean at least once a month
- Fit CO alarm in rooms with fuel burning appliances.
- If your CO alarm has removeable batteries replace them every April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Know and ensure your family knows the difference between the CO alarm sounds and the smoke alarm sound
- Check the date of you CO alarm and replace every 10 years

### Candles

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

### Heaters

- Install, maintain and operate according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Install a Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- Have your gas heaters serviced by a qualified tradesperson each season
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.
- Plug directly into wall sockets
- Turn off before going to bed or going out.

### Fireplaces and Chimneys

- Install a Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- 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
- Have your chimney serviced by a qualified tradesperson each season
- Store matches and lighter out of reach

### Escape Plan

- Draw out a plan of your house.
- Develop and Practice your home fire escape plan – have two ways to escape each room and a designated safe meeting point outside your home, e.g. letterbox.
- Never deadlock doors when you're at home. If you must keep doors deadlocked, leave your keys in the lock.
- Reduce flammable clutter such as old boxes or paper

### Smoke Alarms

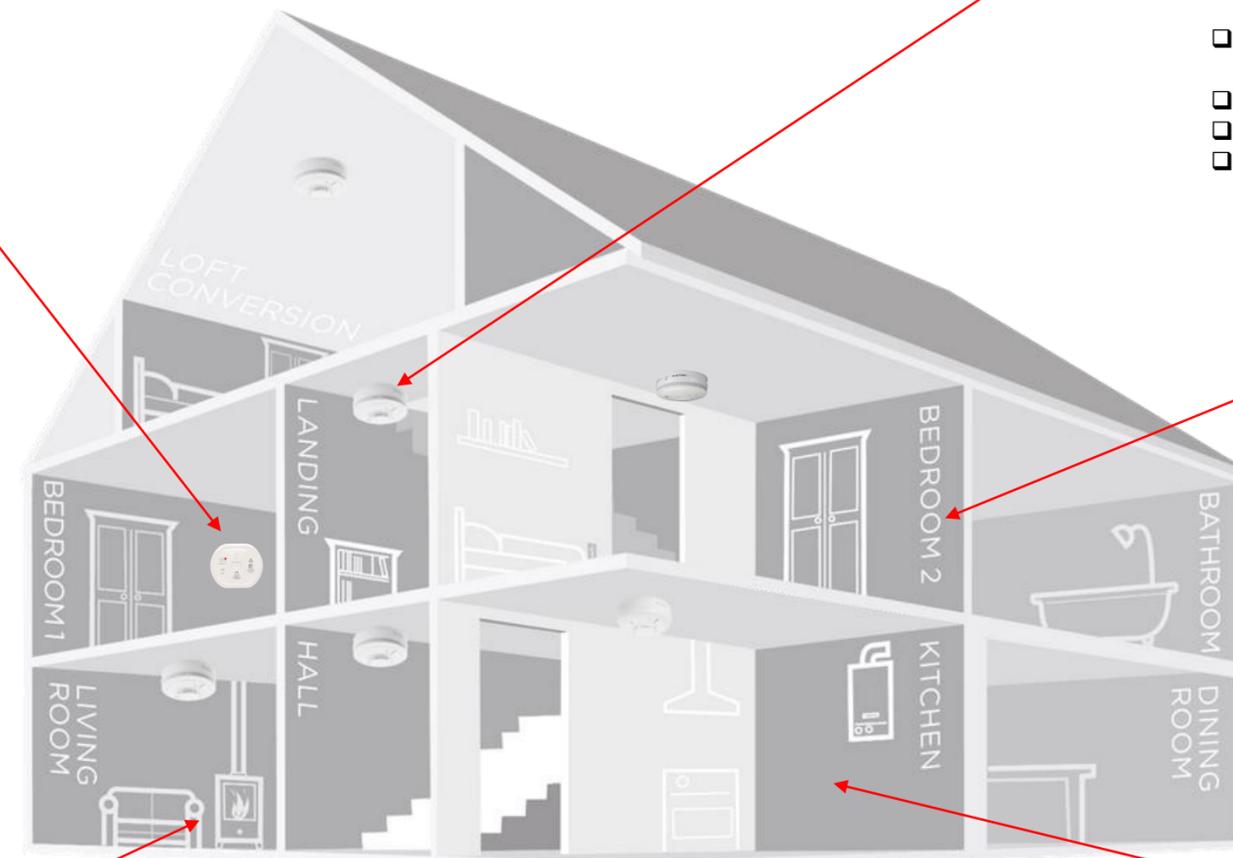
- Test and clean at least once a month.
- A minimum of one smoke alarm on each level.
- One in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.
- Interconnect your smoke alarms so if one alarms all will alarm
- Check your smoke alarm date
- Replace every 10 years
- If your smoke alarm has removeable batteries replace them every April 1st

### Bedroom

- Install interconnected smoke alarm if you sleep with your door closed – most fires occur at night when people are sleeping
- Install a interconnected CO alarm if you have gas heating
- If hard of hearing purchase a hard of hearing strobe and pillow vibration that interconnects with alarms
- Never smoke in bed.
- Don't leave laptops or charges on bed
- Turn electric blankets on no more than 30 minutes before bed. Turn off before you get into bed and regularly check for broken and worn wiring.

### Kitchen & Laundry

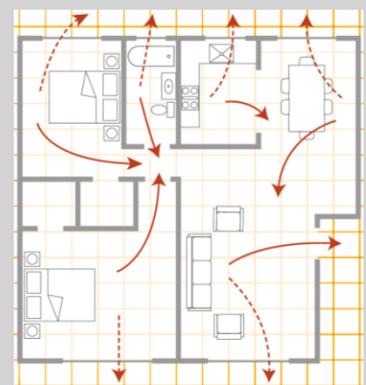
- Install a Carbon Monoxide and Heat alarm
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep combustibles such as tea towels and curtains away from cooking and heat sources.
- Keep pot handles turned in.
- Keep grills, fans and cooking surfaces free of grease residue.
- Keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket in the kitchen
- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load





# Escape Plan Template

- Draw a floor plan of your home
- Plan two-ways of escape from each room.  
Primary →  
Secondary - - - →
- Decide on a meeting place outside eg: Letterbox



 Meeting Place

