

# When Fire Strikes: GET OUT! STAY OUT!

By taking the time to do a fire safety inspection, and correcting any problems you discover, you'll reduce your family's risk of being harmed in a home fire. Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home. As you go from room to room, check off answers to the questions listed below. Give yourself a point for each question that receives a 'yes' answer. When you're done, add up the points to find out your score. Then, take steps today to improve those areas that need it. Visit the web site: [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) for more safety news. (Kids: Ask a grown-up to help you!)

- yes  no Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- yes  no Is there a "kid-free" zone of three feet (one metre) around the stove when grown-ups are cooking?
- yes  no Are portable space heaters always turned off when grown-ups leave the room or go to sleep?
- yes  no Are candles always blown out when grown-ups leave the room or go to sleep?
- yes  no Are candles in candleholders that can't tip over easily and are big enough to catch dripping wax safely?
- yes  no Are matches and lighters kept in a locked cabinet, out of children's sight and reach?
- yes  no Does your home have a working smoke alarm on every floor, and inside or near every sleeping area?
- yes  no Does everyone in your home know the sound of the smoke alarm and know exactly what to do if it goes off?
- yes  no Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits (usually a door and a window) out of each room?
- yes  no Does your family practice the escape plan twice a year?  
(Why not practice it tonight!)

If you answered "yes" to all of the checklist questions above, congratulations! For all questions to which you answered "no" take the steps needed to make them a "yes" so you can be part of Sparky's fire safety team.



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