

1 Kitchen

- £ Keep a working 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
- £ Turn the handles of pots and pans away from the front of the stove
- £ Install curtains and towel holders away from stoveburners
- £ Store matches and lighters out of reach of children
- £ Make sure that electrical outlets are designed to handle appliance loads

2 Living Room

- £ Install a screen in front of fireplace or wood stove
- £ Store the ashes from your fireplace (and barbecue) in a metal container and dispose of only when cold
- £ Clean fireplace chimneys and flues at least once a year

3 Hallway

- £ Install smoke detectors between living and sleep ing areas
- £ Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries twice a year, when clocks are changed in the spring and fall
- £ Replace electrical cords that do not work properly, have loose connections, or are frayed


4 Bedroom

- £ If you sleep with the door closed, install a smoke detector in the bedroom
- £ Turn off electric blankets and other electrical appliances when not in use
- £ Do not smoke in bed
- £ If you have security bars on your windows or doors, be sure they have an approved quick re lease mechanism so you and your family can get out in the event of a fire

5 Bathroom

- £ Disconnect appliances such as curling irons and hair dryers when done; store in a safe location until cool
- £ Keep items such as towels away from wall and floor heaters

6 Garage

- £ Mount a working fire extinguisher in the garage
- £ Have tools such as 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  Underwriters Laboratories approved 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
- £ Properly store flammable liquids in approved containers and away from ignition sources such as pilot lights

* Disaster Preparedness

- £ Maintain at least a seven-day supply of drinking water, and food that does not require refrigeration and generally does not need cooking
- £ Maintain a portable radio, flashlight, emergency cooking equipment, lanterns and batteries
- £ Outdoor cooking appliances such as barbecues should never be taken indoors for use as heaters
- £ Maintain first aid supplies to treat the injured until help arrives
- £ Keep a list of valuables to take with you in an emergency; if possible, store these valuables together
- £ For safety, securely attach all water heaters and furniture such as cabinets and bookshelves to walls
- £ Have a contingency plan to enable family members to contact each other. Establish a family/ friend phone tree
- £ Designate an emergency meeting place outside your home
- £ Practice emergency exit drills in the house (EDITH) regularly
- £ Make sure that all family members understand how to STOP, DROP AND ROLL if their clothes should catch fire