Sparky’s Fire Safety Checklist

By taking the time to do a fire safety inspection, and having a grown-up help you correct any problems you discover, you’ll reduce your family’s risk of being harmed in a home fire.

How to use Sparky’s Checklist:

Take about 20 minutes to inspect your home.

Check off your answer to each question and total your points at the end of each section.

When you’re done, add up all your points to get your GRAND TOTAL.

Sparky has a Safety Rating for you and steps to take to improve on those areas that need it.

REMEMBER: When you hear the sound of your smoke alarm, get out immediately.

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My Grand Total is

Sparky’s Safety Ratings:

42–54 points: You’re a Safety Superstar! Congratulations! Keep up the good work! If you scored one point on any question, ask a grown-up to help you score higher.

29–41 points: It’ll be a snap to gain the points you need to be a Safety Superstar. Ask a grown-up to help you fix the areas of your home that scored one point on the checklist.

18–28 points: Work on making your home safe. Show this checklist to a grown-up and have them help you become a Safety Superstar.

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Fire Hazards in the Home

1. Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

2. If people smoke, do they smoke outside the home?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

3. Are matches and lighters locked up high, away from children?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

4. Are space heaters at least three feet away from walls, furniture, and anything that can burn?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

5. Are candle holders in a safe place where they can’t be knocked over? (Remember: Leave candles to grown-ups.)
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

6. Do grown-ups blow out candles when they leave the room or go to bed?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

Inspect Your Smoke Alarms

7. Do you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

8. Is there a smoke alarm outside every place where people sleep?
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

9. Do you test your smoke alarms once a month? (Have a grown-up push the test button to check if the batteries are okay.)
   - yes (3 points)
   - no (1 point)

10. Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms and are they loud enough to wake you up?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

11. How old are your smoke alarms? (If they’re more than 10 years old, they should be replaced.)
    - less than 10 years (3 points)
    - more than 10 years (1 point)

12. Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

13. Do you know two ways out of each room in your home?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

14. Do you know what to do when you hear your smoke alarm? (Get out and stay out.)
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

15. Are all the exits in your home clear — no trash, no toys, no clutter?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

16. Has your family picked a meeting place outside the home where everyone can go when they’ve escaped a fire?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

17. Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once you are outside?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

18. Do you and all family members practice your escape plan at least twice a year?
    - yes (3 points)
    - no (1 point)

Add up your Home Hazards points.
Total:

Add up your Smoke Alarm points.
Total:

Add up your Home Fire Escape points.
Total:

TOTAL YOUR SCORE:
Home Hazards 
Smoke Alarm 
Home Fire Escape 
GRAND TOTAL

Get your SAFETY RATING!