

# 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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