



## Smoke Detectors

- Install smoke detectors on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke detectors throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test detectors monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries every 6 months, or immediately if “low battery” chirp sounds.
- Replace all smoke detectors every 10 years or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- There are two kinds of smoke alarms, Ionization and photoelectric.

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Fire Safety



## Home Fire Facts\*

- You are most likely to experience a fire in your home than anywhere else.
- Unattended cooking is still the leading contributing factor to home fires and home fire injuries.
- More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.
- Heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths and fire injuries.
- Electrical failures or malfunctions are factors in roughly 50,000 reported fires each year.
- Smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported fire in half. However, three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or none that worked.
- Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths.

*\*Sources: U.S. Fire Administration, National Fire Protection Assoc.*

The Johns Creek Fire Marshal's Office strives to protect the lives and property of the community by providing the highest level of customer service in fire & safety prevention education.



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In 2022, fire departments responded to an estimated 1.5 million fires in the United States. These fires caused 3,790 civilian fire deaths and 13,250 reported civilian fire injuries. The property damage caused by these fires was estimated at \$18 billion.seconds. In 2015, Georgia had 75 fire fatalities reported in residential dwellings.

# HOME Fire Safety

# CHECKLIST

## Kitchen

- Multipurpose Fire Extinguisher present and accessible
- Never leave the kitchen when cooking
- Cooking area clear of anything that is combustible
- Never wear loose fitting clothing while you are cooking
- Maintain a three-foot area around the stove as a kid and pet free area

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## Indoor Safety

- Fire escape plan created & practiced with all members of family with a designated meeting place outside.
- Smoke detectors on all levels of the home-including the basement and attic space where applicable
- Monthly checks of smoke detectors
- Multipurpose fire extinguishers on all levels of the home
- Carbon Monoxide detectors located near bedrooms
- Deadbolt locks can be unlocked from the inside without hunting for a key
- Provide adequate space of combustibles around heaters and heating devices
- Keep stairs free of hazards
- Flammable liquids are stored in proper containers and away from ignition sources
- Extension cords are not run under carpets, through walls or ceilings
- All electrical switches and receptacles have proper cover plates
- Child locks are installed on all cabinets used to store poisons, cleaners, matches, and lighters, if needed

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## Dryer Safety

- Clean lint filter before or after each load of laundry  
Remove lint that has collected around the drum
- Use of a rigid or flexible venting pipe for dryer: Rigid or recommended for proper air flow
- Ensure that the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when dryer is in use
- Never leave your dryer running when you're not at home or when you go to bed

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Routine maintenance should be performed on your dryer to make sure that it is in good working order

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## Outdoor Safety

- Correct address is displayed and easily visible from the street
- Weeds, grass, vines or other growth should be maintained to prevent spread of fire
- Secured fence or cover around all pools, hot tubs, or other large bodies of water
- Barbecue grills are spaced far enough away from your home to not be a hazard - at least five feet

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## Living Room

- Always open the flue or damper before starting a fire in your fire place
- Keep all flammables at least three feet away from all fireplaces
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen in front of the fireplace
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional at least every year
- Keep candles, lamps, and other heating devices away from curtains - generally three feet
- Have an electrician inspect your wiring in your home periodically
- Never leave a burning cigarette unattended

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## Bedroom

- Never use candles in your bedroom
- Don't run electrical cords under rugs
- Replace and repair any loose or frayed electrical cords
- Don't staple or nail electrical cords
- Never smoke in bed
- If you use an electric blanket, make sure that you cut it off and unplug it when not in use

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## Bathroom

- Don't overload outlets with cords from too many appliances
- If an outlet or switch feels unusually warm, stop using it and call an electrician
- Unplug all appliances when not in use
- Keep towels and other flammables at least three feet away from space heaters

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## Hallway

- Install ceiling-mounted smoke alarms at least four inches away from the walls on every level of your home
- Ensure that all smoke alarms are UL listed
- Wall mounted smoke alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling
- Test your smoke alarms once a month
- Vacuum your smoke alarm every six months
- Change all smoke alarm batteries at least once a year and make sure they are always installed
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years

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**NOTE:** For every "NO" checked, it indicates where your family's safety precautions may fall short. Take immediate actions to correct.

To request assistance from the Johns Creek Fire Department in reviewing your home fire safety checklist and home evacuation plan, please call 678-474-1641.

**Identify your meeting place location here:**  
(next door neighbor's house, a particular tree, street sign, etc.)



H.E.A.T. (Hometown Emergency Action Teams) is a partnership between the citizens of Johns Creek and the Johns Creek Fire Department.

H.E.A.T. training is customized to meet the unique needs of participants. Training ranges from comprehensive skills for citizen response teams working with Emergency Services to fire extinguisher and CPR training for small businesses.

For more information & to participate, call the Johns Creek Fire Marshal at 678-474-1641 or email [firemarshal@johnscreekga.gov](mailto:firemarshal@johnscreekga.gov)