



Home Fire Hazard Hunt

- ❑ **Smoke and CO Alarms:** Look for all of the smoke alarms in your house. You should push the test button to make sure they are working, change the batteries if that hasn't been done in the last year, and check the expiration dates of the devices.
- ❑ **Heating Appliances:** Check heat producing appliances and make sure they are plugged directly into wall outlets. Portable heaters should also be kept 3 feet away from any combustible materials such as clothing, curtains, or furniture.
- ❑ **Kitchen Safety:** Visit the kitchen and make sure that all combustible materials such as dish towels and oven mitts are not stored near the stove. Also make sure that the stove top is clear and clean of excess grease.
- ❑ **Personal Electronics:** When charging electrical devices, use approved cords and keep them on a hard and flat surface. Never place devices on or under soft surfaces such as blankets or pillows.
- ❑ **Clothes Dryer:** Check the dryer lint catcher to make sure it has been emptied. A great habit is to empty the lint trap every time the dryer is used.
- ❑ **Candles:** If candles are used, check to make sure they have a wide and sturdy base made of non-combustible material and always remember to put them out if you have to leave the room or go to sleep. A great option is to use battery operated candles instead.
- ❑ **Matches and Lighters:** Look for matches and lighters out in the open. If they are found, have an adult lock them up or put them in a high cupboard.
- ❑ **Bathroom Safety:** Check to make sure all electrical appliances are kept away from water sources. Turn off and unplug appliances when you are finished or leaving the room, and never place them on combustible materials such as towels or clothes.
- ❑ **Furnace Room:** See if you can find the furnace. Check to make sure that items are not stored too close and that the area is clean of any flammable or combustible materials.
- ❑ **Home Escape Plan:** Finally, sit together as a family and make a home fire escape plan. Draw out all of the rooms in your home and create directions on how to escape them in the case of an emergency. Pick a meeting place outside the front of your home and practice what to do if there is a fire.