

# Norristown Fire Department

## Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Checklist

- Matches and lighters are kept out of the reach of children.
- Matches and smoking materials are completely extinguished before disposing them.
  
- Lit candles are never left unattended.
- No smoking in bed.
- Smoke alarms are located on each level of the home and near/or in each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are tested monthly and their batteries changed once a year.
- Space heaters are kept at least three feet away from other items and turned off when everyone is out of the house.
- All electrical cords and plugs are in good condition.
- There are enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and extension cords.
- Wiring is not placed under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- Flammable liquids are stored in properly labeled, tightly closed non-glass containers. These items are stored away from heaters, furnaces, water heaters and other gas appliances and out of the reach of children.
- All flue pipes, vent connectors, gas vents and chimneys are inspected each fall and cleaned and repaired as necessary.
- A fire screen is always used when there is a fire in the fireplace.
- A metal container with a tight fitting lid is used for ash removal.
- The storage area above the stove is free of flammable and combustible items.
- The kitchen is not left unattended when cooking.
- Short or snug fitting sleeves are worn during cooking so they won't catch on fire.
- Kitchen appliances (ie: toaster, coffee makers, mixers) are turned off and unplugged when they are not in use.
- Pot and pan handles on the stove are turned in so they are not easily knocked over.
- The water heater is set at 120 degrees Fahrenheit (or lower) to prevent scalds and burns.
- The family has developed and practiced an escape plan.
- The escape plan includes choosing a safe place outside where the family can meet to be sure everyone got out safely.
- Stairs, hallways and exits aren't blocked. Doors and windows can easily be opened.
- Lint is removed from the dryer filter after each load.
- The house number is easily seen from the roadway and alley, day or night.