

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Tick each box as you check it. Fix one item tonight.

Kitchen

- ☐ Stay with your cooking, especially when frying or cooking on a high flame.
- ☐ Keep towels, dupattas, pot holders, paper and plastic packets away from the stove.
- ☐ Turn pan handles away from the edge of the platform.
- ☐ Wipe grease off the stove, the wall behind it and the chimney filter regularly.
- ☐ Keep curtains away from the window next to the stove.
- ☐ Fire blanket kept near the kitchen door, not inside a cupboard or above the stove.
- ☐ Small ABC dry powder extinguisher within reach on the way out. Learn how to use it.

Smoke alarms

- ☐ Alarms inside and outside bedrooms, in hallways, stairwells and common areas.
- ☐ Press the test button every month.
- ☐ Replace the whole alarm about every 10 years, or at its end-of-life warning.
- ☐ Torch and phone kept by the bed.

Wiring and sockets

- ☐ No overloaded sockets or extension boards.
- ☐ AC, geyser and heater on their own proper socket.
- ☐ Only ISI-marked wires, switches, plugs and extension boards.
- ☐ MCBs and an RCCB in the main board. Press the RCCB test button regularly.
- ☐ Home properly earthed.
- ☐ Damaged plugs and cords replaced at once, not taped up.
- ☐ Irons, heaters and immersion rods switched off and unplugged after use.
- ☐ Phones and e-bikes not charged on beds or in passages you need for escape.

Escape plan

- ☐ Two ways out of every room, through a door or a window.
- ☐ Window grilles open from inside. Keys kept where everyone can reach them in the dark.
- ☐ Passage and main door free of shoe racks, cycles and cartons.
- ☐ One meeting point outside, away from the building and the fire brigade's way.
- ☐ Someone chosen to help children and elderly family members.
- ☐ Drill done in daylight and in low light, with the whole family.
- ☐ 112 and 101 written near the main door, with your full address.

Call an electrician if you see

- ☐ Lights that flicker, or a burning smell from a socket.
- ☐ An MCB that keeps tripping, or a switch or plug that feels warm.
- ☐ Sparks when you plug in, or a tingling feeling when you touch an appliance.

If there is a fire

- 1 Shout to warn everyone and get out. Close doors behind you.
 - 2 Meet outside and count heads.
 - 3 Call **112** or **101**. Never go back in for belongings or pets.
 - 4 In a flat, use the stairs, never the lift.
- If clothes catch fire: **stop, drop and roll.**

If someone is burned

Cool the burn under cool, clean running water for 20 minutes. Even 10 minutes helps if that's all you can manage. No ice, toothpaste, oil or butter.

Do this tonight

Press the test button on each smoke alarm, put the main-door and grille keys where everyone can reach them, and tell your family where you will meet outside.