

# Are you a fire safety Super Star? Use this checklist to find out.



## BE PREPARED

- ◇ My home fire escape plan has been developed and practiced
- ◇ I know at least two ways to get out of the house if there is a fire
- ◇ The keys are kept in my deadlock and I never deadlock myself inside
- ◇ A safe meeting point has been designated outside my home (e.g. the letterbox)
- ◇ I keep matches and lighters out of reach of children
- ◇ I know how to use my fire blanket and extinguisher

## SMOKE ALARMS

- ◇ At least one smoke alarm is on each level of my home
- ◇ I have vacuumed smoke alarms at least once this year to keep vents clean
- ◇ My smoke alarm batteries were changed this year at the end of daylight saving
- ◇ My smoke alarms have been tested this month (a broom handle can be used to reach the test button)
- ◇ If my smoke alarm beeps intermittently I replace the battery immediately (as it is going flat)
- ◇ I will replace any smoke alarm (including those connected to mains electricity) that is ten years old to make sure it's working properly
- ◇ I'm aware that all Australian Fire Services recommend photoelectric smoke alarms

## IN THE BEDROOM

- ◇ I never smoke in bed as it is extremely dangerous
- ◇ Electric blankets are turned on, no more than 30 minutes before getting into bed and are turned off, once I am in bed
- ◇ Heavy items (including pets) are removed from my bed when the electric blanket is turned on
- ◇ Smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom in my home where someone sleeps with the door closed

## **HEATERS AND OTHER APPLIANCES**

- ◇ **Before every winter I have chimneys and flues cleaned**
- ◇ **I make sure all heaters are installed, maintained and operated according to manufacturer's instructions**
- ◇ **Fire screens are always placed in front of open fires and heaters in my home**
- ◇ **I place items that could catch fire, like clothing and curtains, at least one meter away from heaters**
- ◇ **My children are supervised near all types of heating**
- ◇ **All portable heating is turned off and open fires extinguished before I go to bed or leave the house**
- ◇ **My appliances are in good working order (using damaged electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire)**
- ◇ **There are no overloaded power boards and I have replaced damaged equipment**
- ◇ **The lint filter in my clothes dryer is cleaned after each use**

## **IN THE KITCHEN**

- ◇ **Cooking is never left unattended and is turned off when I leave the room**
- ◇ **I keep curtains and tea towels well away from the toaster and stove**
- ◇ **I turn pot handles inward so they can't be knocked over**
- ◇ **My children are supervised in the kitchen and kept away from the stove top and the oven**

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