



# HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

The Colorado Springs Fire Department wants to help you prevent home fires and to be aware of hazards in your home. If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

✓ Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

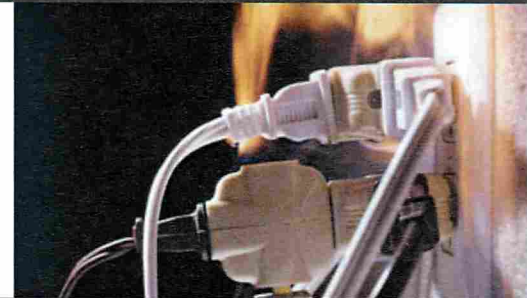
## SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Smoke alarms are on every level of your home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside each sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- Smoke alarm batteries are replaced as needed *(unless it is 10 year tamper proof alarm)*.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are on every level of your home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.
- All smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are tested monthly.



## ELECTRICAL & APPLIANCES

- Electrical cords are in good condition *(not frayed or damaged)*.
- Electrical cords are not running across doorways or under carpets.
- All extension cords are used safe *(not under carpets or across walking areas)*.
- Replace missing or broken electrical outlet cover or switch plates.
- Appliances are plugged into separate electrical outlets.
- Portable space heaters are 3 ft. away from anything that can burn.



## UTILITIES & HOUSEKEEPING

- The furnace has been inspected in the past year.
- The chimney has been inspected and cleaned in the past year.
- Maintain a 3 ft clearance around the furnace from combustible materials.
- Area around the electrical panel is accessible and free of clutter.
- Bathroom exhaust fans are clean and free of lint.
- Matches and lighters are kept out of reach of children in a secure place.
- Flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers and in a cool place.
- The clothes dryer has a clean vent and filter *(there is no lint build-up)*.



## COOKING & KITCHEN

- NEVER LEAVE COOKING UNATTENDED!
- If there is food cooking on the stovetop, an adult is present.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.
- Combustible and other flammable materials are away from the stovetop.
- Always set a timer or reminder when cooking on the stove or oven.
- The oven is never used to heat the home.
- Stove and oven(s) are clean and free of built up splatter and grease.

