

Home Fire Safety

The USAA household checklist for helping to reduce home fire damage.

COMPLETE THIS CHECKLIST TO HELP PREVENT HOME FIRES AND KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

Reduce your risk of house fire damage*

- Ensure all household members know two ways to escape from every room in your home
- Establish a place to meet, outside the home, if a fire breaks out
- Practice escaping from your home at least twice a year
- Never leave cooking unattended
- Store combustible materials in open areas away from heat sources
- Keep combustible items away from any heating source, such as a water heater or furnace
- Do not leave candles unattended
- Never overload circuits or extension cords
- Do not put electrical cords and wires under rugs, over nails or in high-traffic areas
- If an appliance sparks, sputters or emits an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and replace it or have it repaired
- Keep fire extinguishers in rooms where fires are most likely — e.g., kitchen, laundry room, living room, garage
- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas
- Every month, test your smoke alarms and replace the batteries at least once a year or sooner
- Replace your smoke alarms every ten years. Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time.
- Every year, have your chimney cleaned to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

This checklist is not intended to be an exhaustive list of steps to prevent or reduce the severity of a loss. Conducting the steps in this checklist may not eliminate your risk of a loss.

*[American Red Cross](#) and [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#)



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