



Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection



Home Fire Safety Checklist

Complete the following home fire safety checklist to identify any fire safety deficiencies in your home.

Item	Kitchen/Utility	Yes	No
1.	Do you use a deep fat fryer instead of a chip pan?		
2.	Do you use an electric cooker instead of a gas cooker?		
3.	Do you clean your cooking appliances regularly?		
4.	Do you leave your cooking appliances unattended when cooking?		
5.	Do you unplug unneeded electrical appliances when leaving and at night?		
6.	Do you clean your toaster regularly and check for rusted parts?		
7.	Do you check your cooker hood filter regularly?		
8.	Do you have a fire blanket and fire extinguisher in your Kitchen?		
9.	Do you know how to use a fire blanket and fire extinguisher?		
10.	Do you have a working heat alarm in your Kitchen?		
11.	Do you leave the washing machine/tumble drier running during the night?		

Item	Living Room(s)	Yes	No
1.	Do you have an open fire or stove in your house?		
2.	Do you keep a spark guard in front of the fire when left unattended?		
3.	Do you keep combustible items clear of near to the fireplace?		
4.	Do you store fuel (logs/coal) an adequate distance from the fireplace?		
5.	Do you have a TV or other electrical appliance located above the fireplace?		
6.	Do you use a metal bucket for ash removal and allow ashes to cool down?		
7.	Do you have your chimney cleaned and checked for faults annually?		
8.	Do you have a working carbon monoxide detector fitted?		
9.	Do you have candles in proper holders and on non-combustible surfaces?		
10.	Do you keep matches and lighters out of reach of children?		
11.	Do you unplug unneeded electrical appliances when leaving and at night?		
12.	Do you have a working smoke alarm in your Living Room		

Item	Bedroom(s)	Yes	No
1.	Do you keep your escape route clear of obstructions and trip hazards?		
2.	Do you leave phones/laptops charging overnight or when unattended?		
3.	Do you unplug unneeded electrical appliances when leaving and at night?		
4.	Do you have combustible items near light bulbs or other heat sources?		
5.	Do you store flammable products away from sunlight and other heat sources?		
6.	Do you have candles in proper holders and on non-combustible surfaces?		
7.	Do you check electric blankets for damage and switch it off before sleeping?		
8.	Do you have working smoke alarms in your Bedrooms?		

Item	Hallway & Landing	Yes	No
1.	Do you keep your hallway & landing clear of obstructions and trip hazards?		
2.	Do you keep all doors along your hallway closed at night?		
3.	Do you have a thumb turn on your escape door or are keys readily available?		
4.	Do you have a working torch readily available?		
5.	Do you have working smoke alarms in your hallways and landings?		

Item	General	Yes	No
1.	Do you carry out a safety check as part of your bedtime routine?		
2.	Does everyone in your household know the escape plan?		
3.	Does everyone know where door keys are kept if needed to escape?		
4.	Does everyone know where the external meeting point is located?		
5.	Is the electrical installation at your home in good condition?		
6.	Are the sockets in your home overloaded by use of adaptors and leads?		
7.	Is your oil tank correctly located and safe from sources of heat/fire?		
8.	Are gas cylinders stored safely in a secure, ventilated location?		

Points to Note Following Completion of Home Fire Safety Checklist:

- Ensuring the safety of your family in your home is a priority.
- It is a better and cheaper option to replace any damaged/faulty equipment than it is to replace your home.
- The practice of completing routine fire safety checks when leaving the house or going to bed is a good habit to get into.
- Take the necessary actions to address items raised in the above checklist.

For Further Information visit some or all the following:

- www.firesafetyweek.ie – for more fire safety tips and information.
- www.housing.gov.ie/firesafey - for fire safety advice leaflets and information.
- www.electricireland.ie – for more advice and information on electrical safety around the home.

In a fire emergency **GET OUT, STAY OUT & CALL 999**

- Call 999, Speak to the Operator and request the Fire Service.
- Know your exact address including Eircode.
- Give Landmarks for attending fire-crews to recognise.
- Never hang up until advised to do so by the Operator.

Monaghan Fire & Civil Protection can be contacted on 047-30520 for further information and guidance.

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S - Smoke alarms **T** - Test your smoke alarms weekly **O** - Obvious dangers **P** - Plan your escape route