



# Clallam County Fire District 3

Motto: *Serve, Respect,  
Prevent and Protect*

## Home Fire Safety Checklist

### Smoke Alarms

- There is one smoke alarm on each level of the home, inside and outside each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.

### Cooking Safety

- The cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- The kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside.
- Pots are not left unattended on the stove.
- The handles of pots are turned inward.
- Know that if your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll.
- Know that if grease catches fire, put a lid on the pan to smother the flames.
- Know to use caution when removing food from the microwave and the oven.

### Electrical & Appliance Safety

- Electrical cords do not run under rugs.
- Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked.
- Circuit-protected, power strips are used for additional outlets.
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Clothes dryer lint filter, venting system, and area behind the dryer are clean.

### Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room.
- Children and pets are never left unattended with candles.

### Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- CO alarms are located on each level of the home.
- CO alarms are less than seven years old.

### Smoking Safety

- Family members who smoke only buy fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- Family members who smoke do not smoke in bed or when drowsy.
- Cigarette butts are dipped in water before they are thrown out.
- Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight.
- Ashtrays are large, non-combustible, deep and kept away from combustibles.
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn.

### Heating Safety

- Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Furniture and other combustibles are at least three feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters.
- Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet from any combustibles.
- Extension cords are never used with space heaters.
- Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory.
- Space heaters are not left on when you leave home or go to bed.

### Home Escape Plan

- Have two ways out of each room.
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke.
- Know that once you are out, stay out.
- Know where to meet after the escape.
- Your meeting place should be near the front of the home, so firefighters know you are out.
- You practice a family fire escape plan.
- Know the emergency number to call in case of a fire. 911