

# FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



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committee  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Citizens for Fire Prevention Committee (CFPC) and the Philadelphia Fire Department have developed this **fire safety checklist** you can use to inspect your home.

Your goal is to answer **“YES”** to each question.

- Do you have at least one smoke alarm on each floor of your home?
- Do you test your 9-volt operated smoke alarms regularly and replace the battery twice a year?
- Have you installed a carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of each sleeping area?
- Does your family have a “Home Fire Escape Plan” with a pre-determined location to meet outside?

## Heating and Cooking Hazards

- Do you always turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?
- Do you make sure that every portable heater is at least 3 feet from combustibles, such as, bedding and furniture?
- Are your cooking areas clear of materials that could catch fire, such as potholders, towels, drapes and food packaging?
- Do you make sure food is not left cooking on the stove unattended?
- Do you keep stove top and oven clean to avoid grease fires?
- Do you wear short tight fitting sleeves when cooking?

For more safety tips, visit the Citizens for Fire Prevention Committee website at [freedomfromfire.com](http://freedomfromfire.com).



# CARBON MONOXIDE: NO SCENT, SOUND OR COLOR

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that can cause illness or death. Prevent CO poisoning by installing a CO detector and checking and replacing its batteries regularly. Learn more about protecting yourself and loved ones from CO poisoning and the symptoms of CO poisoning at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)



## YOU EARNED IT. CLAIM IT!

There are millions of dollars in EITC credits that go unclaimed each year. What is EITC? It's a refundable tax credit available to low and moderate income individuals and families. Officials say close to 40,000 eligible Philadelphians did not take the credit last year. That's nearly \$100 million in tax credits that went unclaimed. The average unclaimed amount was \$2,400.

As part of the "You Earned It" EITC outreach campaign, free tax preparation services are being provided at nearly 30 locations, for those eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

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