



# PELHAM-BATESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

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### Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- When barbequing, move unit away from the house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

### Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candle unattended.
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed.
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children

### Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test smoke alarms once a month Hint: use a broom handle to reach & push test button.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year Hint: use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder
- Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years

**For information on carbon monoxide detectors go to**  
<http://firesafe.sc.gov/coalarms.html>

### Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (*Use P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep*)
- Inspect extinguishers annually

### Develop & Practice A Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:
  - Crawling low under smoke
  - Two exits out of every room
  - A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- Practice escape plan with every member
- Teach all family members how to:
  - Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (State your name, location & type of emergency)
  - Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire

### Exterior

- Make house number visible from street
- Keep trees away from electrical wires
- Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters.

**For more information contact your local electrical provider**

### Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters once a year
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace
- Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Install a spark arrester on chimney
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater

### Electrical

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs.
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment, such as, TV, DVD, stereo, etc.
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using power strips and extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker (surge protector)

### Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly (see below)
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite.

**For more information, contact the Greenville County Solid Waste Division 864-234-9672**

**Or**

**Spartanburg Environmental Enforcement 864-596-3582**

**For more information and additional resources go to the Pelham-Batesville Fire Department on-line at**  
[www.pbfd.com](http://www.pbfd.com)