

Ultimate Home Safety Checklist

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Your home is a place where you feel most comfortable, but it's important to be aware of all potential safety hazards.

Some of these are obvious, such as a broken window, but can easily slip your mind leading to some tragedy. So it's better to be safe than sorry.

Take few minutes every month to review your home safety with this checklist, and take necessary measures in-time.

We are providing you a **home safety checklist** that will help keep your home not only sweet, but safe!

Smoke Alarms

The most crucial point of any home safety checklist, it is necessary to install carbon monoxide and smoke alarms outside each bedroom, as well as on every level of your home (including its basement) and also in furnace areas.

Cordless Window Coverings

There should be no loose cords as they can strangle kids in an instant.

Extension Cords

Make sure none of the extension cords in your house run under rugs or across doorways.

Sweep Your Chimney

Schedule an annual chimney and flue sweep (inspection and cleaning) before you fire up your first logs.

Outlet Safety

Do a hand-check on all your outlets, at least once in a month. If they're warm, immediately call your technician.

Water Heater Safety

Set your water heater to a maximum of 120 degree to prevent burns (especially if you have kids). Always keep combustible and flammable materials (including household aerosol and chemical cans) away from hot water heater.

- **Fire Extinguishers**
There should be a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and every floor area of your house. Place each one of them strategically.
- **Emergency Numbers**
Note down all emergency phone numbers, from local fire departments and police to who to call when there's an emergency.
- **Fire Escape Route**
There should be a tried-and-tested [plan of escape in the event of fire](#). As a part of your home safety checklist, try to map out two exit routes, and buy a good rescue ladder if you've a multi-level home.
- **Fire Escape Ladders**
Be sure to equip your home with appropriate [fire escape ladders](#).
- **Bathroom Safety**
Install nonskid tub mat or nonslip decals in your tub.
- **Poison Control**
All poisonous products or chemicals should be locked at a safe place in your house.
- **Pool Safety**
If there's a pool (or some other water source on your property), block access or surround it with at least four feet fence.
- **Use Deadbolts**
Every exterior door should use sturdy deadbolt. If any of your doors have windows, install a good floor lock.
- **Motion-Sensor Floodlights**
Motion-sensor floodlights should be installed around your house, and make sure their bulbs are in working condition.
- **Sliding Doors**
Track or sliding doors need a dowel or solid bar in their tracking system for preventing break-in. This should be of exact length as the track (around ¼ inches of the total length).
- **Spare Key Combination**
The most important point of a home safety checklist is that you should never store spare key of your lock under some rock on your door frame-thieves know about such hiding places. Either give these keys to your trusted neighbor or maybe install a good combination safe somewhere on your property.

- **Visible House Number**
In emergencies, your house number should be clearly visible to everyone from the street.
- **Safety For Homes With Small Kids**
Lock all cabinets and install guards on all windows. Also it is important to ensure every room in your house can be used as a fire exit.
- **Avoid Deadbolts That Can Also Lock Using An Inside Key**
You want to move out of the house in emergency. A misplaced key can trap you in the house
- **Use Only Fire Resistant Building Materials**
When building, or renovating your house, use only fire resistant materials.
- **Keep Garage Doors Closed At All Times**
It's necessary to keep your garage doors closed at all times because they lead directly into your house.
- **Adjust Phone Ring To Lowest Volume**
When you're planning to be away from home for days, an unanswered phone call is a tip off to a burglar that nobody is at home.
- **Never Leave Notes On Your Door For Others**
Leaving notes for family members or service people alerts potential thieves and burglars that you're not at home.
- **Home Heating System Safety**
Examine seals of all outside vents and regularly clear obstructions that can lead to carbon monoxide build-up in your house. Recheck is necessary during and after any snowstorm.
- **Get Immediate Help When You Need It The Most**
Choose a reliable home security provider during home emergency to ensure safety of your family members and home.