You need to answer
"YES" to all the
following questions to
increase your chances of
surviving a house fire.

## Don't become a statistic!

YES NO

Do you test your smoke alarms once a month?

Does your family have a drawn escape plan of your house, showing all exits?

Are there smoke alarms on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas?

Does everyone in the family know at least 2 escape routes from every room?

Does your family practice your escape plan at least twice a year?

Do all smoke alarms have working batteries?

Do you have a meeting place outside of the home for all family members to gather in case of fire?

## WHAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SHOULD DO IN CASE OF FIRE.

- 1. Don' t Panic escape may depend on clear thinking.
- 2. Get out of the house following the planned escape routes, if possible. Do not stop to collect valuables or dress.
- 3. Open doors carefully only after feeling them to see if they are hot. If they are, do not openfollow an alternate escape route.
- 4. Keep close to the floor-smoke and hot gases rise. Breathe through a cloth (wet, if possible) and take short, shallow breaths.
- 5. Keep doors and windows closed unless it is necessary to open them for escape.
- 6. Meet at your pre-established meeting place after leaving your house.
- 7. Call your fire department as soon as possible from outside the building. Give your address and name.
- 8. Never re-enter a burning building.



## **Home Fire Safety Checklist**

Home fires in the United States number over 1,000 a day.

How safe is your home from fire? Have the whole family study these questions and check for fire hazards. Every "No" points to a fire hazard.

## HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS YES NO YES NO **MATCHES AND CARELESS** Do you keep your basement, closets Do you have special circuits for **SMOKING HAZARDS** and attic cleared of old rags, heavy-duty appliances such as stoves? papers, mattresses, broken furniture Do you keep and other Do you use only 15 amp fuses for your matches away combustible odds YES NO household light circuits? from sources of and ends? heat such as stoves Are all extension cords in the open-not After using oily or heaters? run under rugs, over hooks or through polishing rags or partitions or door openings? Do you make sure waste, do you matches and smoking destroy them or materials are out place them in YARD AND GARAGE before disposing of covered metal HAZARDS YES NO Do you keep your yard cleared of leaves, debris and combustible Do you keep matches and lighters If you store paint, varnish, etc., out of the reach of small children? do you keep the containers rubbish? tightly closed? Is "No smoking in bed" a rule in If any of the surrounding your home? property is vacant, have HOME APPLIANCE weeds, dry leaves YES NO and rubbish **ELECTRICAL HAZARDS HAZARDS** been YES NO Do you always turn off the stove/oven Do you allow only cleared qualified before leaving the kitchen? off? electricians to install Do you always turn the dryer off or extend your If you before leaving your keep gasoline for use wiring? home? in a power mower or outboard motor, is Are there enough it stored in a strong, metal safety-type Do you always electrical outlets clean the lint in every room to self-closing caps on the openings? tray in your avoid the need dryer before each If your garage is attached to the house, for multiple is it separated by a tight-fitting door, which is kept closed? attachment plugs and long extension cords?