

STAY SAFE THIS WINTER FIRE DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

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FIRE SAFETY

by Accident

CHECKLIST

The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services recommend using this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe.

PREVENTION

- Check all electrical items for damage; do not use if damaged.
- Install an electrical safety switch.
- Regularly clean your oven, stove top and rangehood.
- Only use one appliance per power point.
- Regularly clean your clothes dryer and air-conditioner filters.
- Store chemicals in a secure area away from high fire risk areas.
- Store matches and lighters in a secure place not accessible to children.
- Regularly maintain the yard by removing dead leaves and scrub.
- Roll electric blankets, never fold, to store for next season.

DETECTION AND ESCAPE

- Install working photoelectric smoke alarms.
- Practise your home escape plan.
- Know at least two safe ways out of each room.
- Designate a safe meeting point e.g. letterbox.
- Talk to your family about what to do in the event of a fire: Get down low and go, go, go - Stop drop and roll - Get out and stay out.
- Know who to contact in an emergency - Triple Zero (000).

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Do not use water to extinguish fat or oil fires.
- Use only qualified electricians to fix or maintain heating and electrical appliances.
- Oil, gas or wood heating units may require a yearly maintenance check.
- Only use fuses of recommended rating and install an electrical safety switch.
- Keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket in a low fire risk area.
- Ensure air conditioning units are clean of dust and animals.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions when using wheat bags to prevent overheating.

If you are concerned about the fire risks in and around your home, call **13 QGOV (13 74 68)** to book your FREE **safe home** visit or book online at www.qfes.qld.gov.au

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