

CHECK YOUR HOTSPOTS

Smoke alarms

- Test and clean regularly.
- At least one on each level.
- One in every bedroom where someone sleeps with the door closed.

Heaters

- Install, maintain and operate according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.
- Turn off before going to bed or going out.

Chimneys and flues

- Clean yearly.

Candles

- Keep away from curtains.
- Always use on non-combustible surfaces.

Bedroom

- Never smoke in bed.

Kitchen

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep combustibles such as tea towels and curtains away from cooking and heat sources.
- Keep pot handles turned in.

Electric blankets

- Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed. Turn off before you get into bed.
- Remove heavy items from bed when on.
- Keep flat with controls at the side of the bed.
- Regularly check for broken and worn wiring.

Open fire place

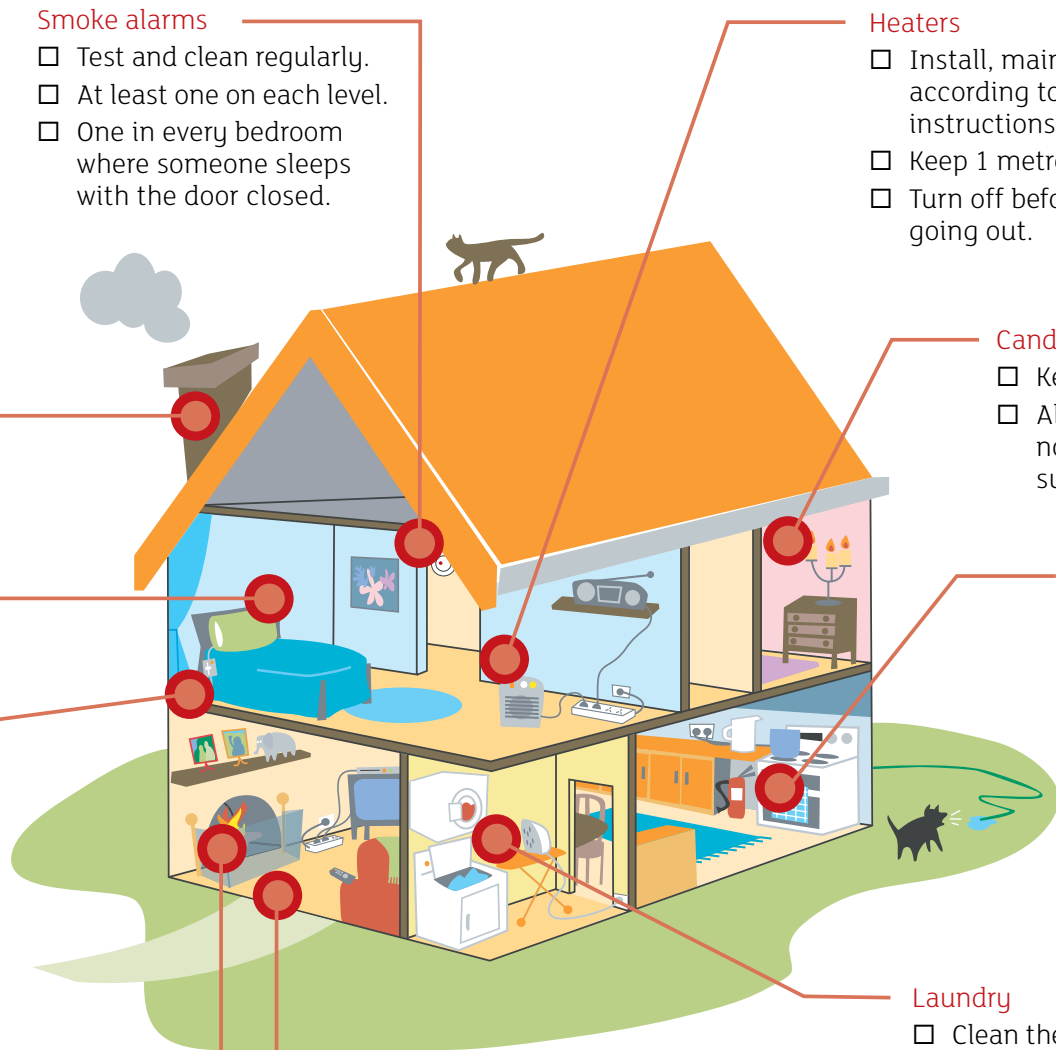
- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Put out fires before going to bed or going out.
- Keep 1 metre clear space around.

Front door

- Never deadlock doors when you're at home and keep keys in deadlock when home.
- Develop and practise your home fire escape plan – have two ways to escape each room and a designated safe meeting point outside your home, e.g. letterbox.

Laundry

- Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer after each load.
- Let the dryer complete its cooldown cycle before stopping.



Remember...

- Supervise children near heating equipment.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use.
- Keep electrical appliances and equipment in good working order.
- Replace damaged equipment e.g. power cords.
- Don't overload power boards.
- Have and know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher.



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