

"Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire" in Your Home

Use the checklist below to help "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire" in your home, and help make your family safer from fire. As you look for fire dangers, keep a close eye on cooking areas, heating equipment, and electrical appliances. A more complete inspection checklist is available on the official FPW Website: www.firepreventionweek.org (Kids: Ask a grown-up to help you!)

- yes** **no** Is the kitchen stove top clean and uncluttered?
- yes** **no** Does a grown-up always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
- yes** **no** Are matches and lighters locked up high and away from young children?
- yes** **no** Are space heaters at least three feet (one metre) away from walls, furniture, and anything that can burn?
- yes** **no** If you have a fireplace, does it have a screen to catch sparks?
- yes** **no** Are electrical cords in good condition? (Ask a grown-up to unplug appliances before you inspect the cords.)
- yes** **no** Does your fireplace have a sturdy screen to catch sparks?
- yes** **no** Are there working smoke alarms on every floor of your home and in or near every sleeping area? (Push the test button to check if batteries are working.)
- yes** **no** Has your family planned and practiced a home fire drill?
- yes** **no** Are all the exits from your home clear – no trash, no toys, no clutter?

If you answered "yes" to all of the checklist questions above, congratulations!

You scored a fire safety home run. For all questions to which you answered "no" take the steps needed to make them a "yes" so you can score a fire safety home run.

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Campaigns like "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire" play an important role in helping make kids safer from fire. However, fires are only a small part of the unintentional injury problem facing today's children.

NFPA's comprehensive injury prevention program, *Risk Watch*, gives kids and their families the skills and knowledge to be safer from the eight areas they're at greatest risk to unintentional injury, including fires and burns, motor vehicle crashes, bike and pedestrian incidents, drowning, and falls. For more information about *Risk Watch*, visit www.riskwatch.org, or call NFPA's Public Education Division at (617) 984-7285.

