

# Home Fire Safety Checklist

## DWS Safety & Compliance Fact Sheet

I inspected my home on ..... date

I have put a calendar note to remind myself to do this inspection every year

### Electrical items

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check all electrical items for damage, replace the item if it is damaged
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install an electrical safety switch (this is required by law)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test your electrical safety switch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't overload powerpoints or use double adapters. Use good quality powerboards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roll electrical blankets for storage (never fold)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test the electrical blankets before use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep filters clean on clothes dryers and air conditioners
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install powerpoint guards if there are small children in the house
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only used licensed electricians to do any electrical work in your house

### Fire Safety

<input type="checkbox"/>	Install photoelectric smoke alarms (this is required by law), preferably interconnected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacuum and test your smoke alarms regularly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store chemicals in a safe area away from sources of ignition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Store matches and lighters away from children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop a home escape plan (see <a href="http://www.qfes.qld.gov.au">www.qfes.qld.gov.au</a> for great resources)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Practice your home escape plan with all the family (where is your safe meeting spot?)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Install a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket in an easily accessible area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't leave candles burning when you are sleepy or in bed

#### When to use a fire blanket

A fire blanket is ideal for extinguishing cooking fat fires and can be used to wrap around people if their clothes catch on fire.

For any clarification or questions, please contact Michelle Bates, DWS Work Health Safety & Compliance Advisor, on **0401 014 619** or [michelle@dws.net.au](mailto:michelle@dws.net.au).

#### Use a fire extinguisher ONLY if:

- you know that the extinguisher is suitable for use on the flammable materials involved in the fire;
- you have considered whether electricity is possibly involved and, if so, that the available extinguishing agent is non-conducting;
- you can extinguish the fire quickly;
- you are not putting your safety at risk by staying in the vicinity of the fire; and
- all other persons have been evacuated from the area.



#### When you call Triple Zero (000)

- Do you want Police, Fire or Ambulance?
- Stay calm, don't shout, speak slowly and clearly.
- Tell us exactly where to come. Give an address or location.