

October is Fire Safety Month!

As the colder weather approaches and Canadians begin to think about relaxing next to a cozy fire or turning up their furnaces, it's important they remember to follow proper fire safety practices. The fire safety team at Canadian Tire has put together a home and fire safety checklist to help ensure this winter is a safe and happy one.

Home Safety Checklist

Smoke Alarms

- Is there a smoke alarm on every level of the house?
- Does that include both types of alarms? Photoelectric for smouldering, slow-burning fires and ionization for fast-flaming fires?
- Have the smoke alarms been tested once a month to ensure they are in good working condition?
- Have alarms that are more than 10 years old been replaced?
- Have the batteries been changed recently?

Fire Extinguishers

- Is there an extinguisher on every level of the home?
- In the kitchen?

- In the garage?
- If you have them, check the gauge to ensure it is still charged
- Does everyone in the house know how to use the extinguisher?
- P** - Pull the pin on the fire extinguisher
- A** - Aim the extinguisher
- S** - Squeeze the trigger of the extinguisher
- S** - Sweep the extinguisher left to right to cover the base of the fire

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

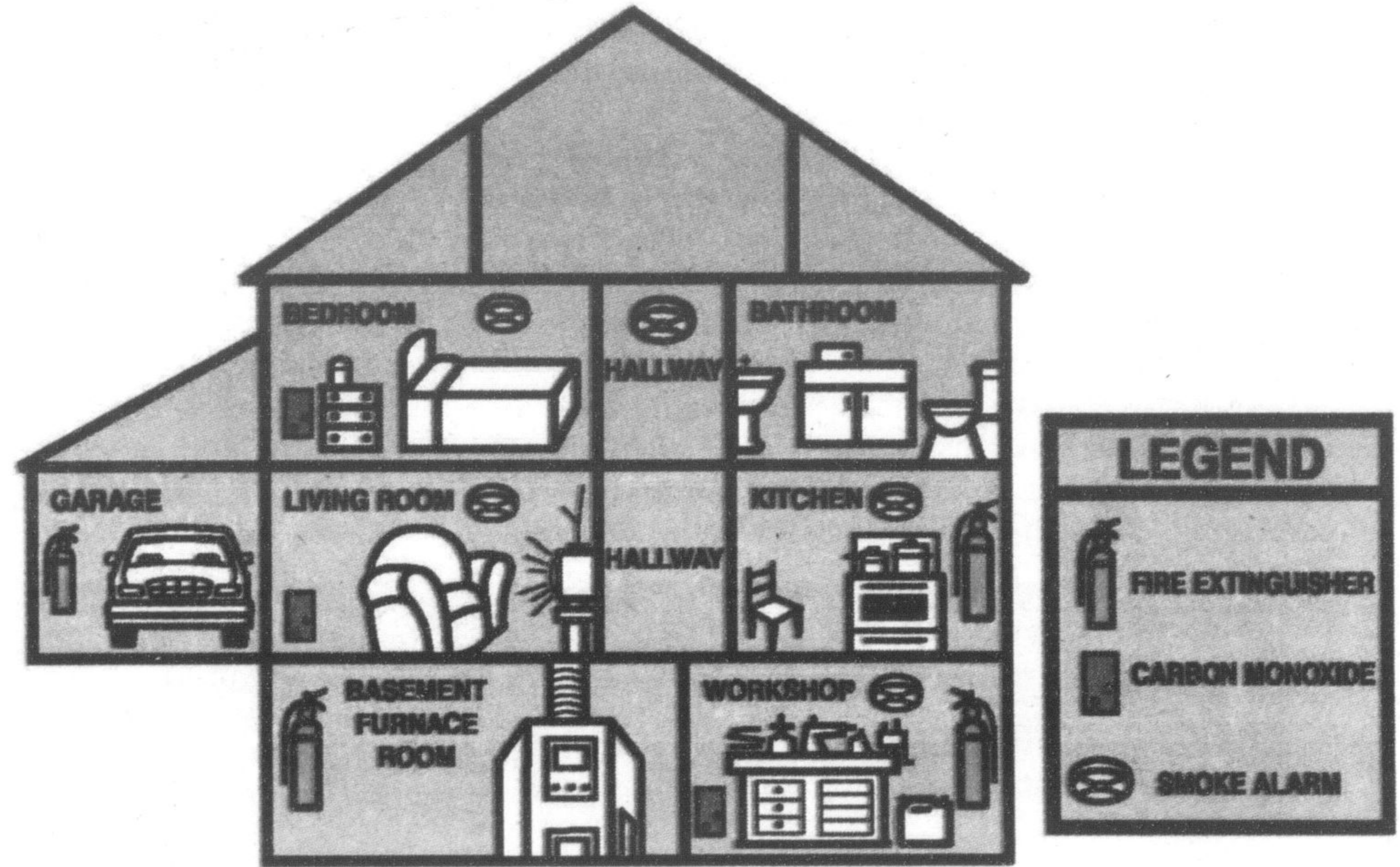
- Is there a CO detector on every level of the home and outside the bedrooms?
- Have the batteries been changed recently?
- Have the fuel burning appliances and equipment been checked within the last year by a qualified service technician?
- Are fuel burning appliances properly vented?
- Are chimneys and vents clean and in good working condition?
- Have alarms that are more than 7 years old been replaced?

Fire Escape Route

- Has the family created a fire escape route?
- Does the plan include two ways out of

- every room in the home?
- Does your home have a Fire Escape Ladder?
- Have members of the family reviewed and practiced the escape route within the last

- year?
 - Do family members know how to unlock the doors and windows quickly, even in the dark?
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Fire prevention in the kitchen

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According to the Office of the Fire Marshall, cooking is the number one cause of fires in the home. With Fire Safety Month approaching, the team at Canadian Tire has put together these tips to help families cook smart and stay safe.

use oven mitts when removing pots and pans from the stove.

- Take extra care when cooking with oil and grease and ensure you have a lid or spare cooking sheet nearby to cover a pan should the grease or oil catch fire. Do not move the pan as it can spread the fire but use the cooking sheet or lid to smother the flames.
- Keep your cooking surfaces and broilers clean to prevent splattered food from igniting.
- When broiling use a pan beneath the broil-

er to catch any fat drippings.

- Ensure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that all family members know how to properly use it.
- Overcook or burn your food and set off an alarm? Do not remove the batteries! While it may seem harmless at the time, it can turn into a deadly mistake. Instead purchase a smoke alarm with a hush feature that enables you to tem-

porarily 'hush' the nuisance alarms but ensures that it is still activated should a real fire start. For more information on the alarm with hush feature, visit canadiantire.ca.

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- Do not leave pots and pans unattended and

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