

Now that you are spending more time at home, it could be a good idea to check how safe your house is. Try to answer all of the questions below (it may be helpful to work with your parent or carer). Put a tick or a cross next to each question. When you have finished, check your answers with the answer page and give your home a safety score.



Home Safe Home?

Yes ✓ or No ✗?

1. Does your home have at least one smoke alarm?
Smoke alarms should be fixed to the ceiling, somewhere they can be heard throughout the house.
2. Are matches ever left lying around your home?
3. Are ashtrays cleared away every night?
(If no one smokes, answer yes.)
4. Are flexes and wires left trailing across the floor?
5. Do you use 3-way plug adaptors?
6. Are all carpets and rugs fixed down securely?
(If rugs are on polished floors, do they have non-slip mats underneath?)
7. Is the water from your hot taps scalding hot?
8. Do you have a lockable or high level medicine cabinet? Do you use it?
9. Do you have a shower mat or ridges along the bottom of your bath to prevent slipping?

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10. Are mobile phones left plugged in and charging overnight? Are they left charging on surfaces that could catch fire?
11. Does everybody in your home, over the age of 10, know how to turn off the gas supply?
12. Are the rings on the cooker turned off straight after use?
13. Are pan handles left sticking out over the edges of the cooker?
14. Do you have a handrail along your stairs?
Are the stairs kept clear of clutter?
15. Are any electric sockets cracked or loose?
16. Are cleaning materials and medicines stored in their original, correctly labelled packaging?

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**My home
safety score**

16

**16
points**

Excellent

**12-15
points**

Good but you need to pay attention to certain areas.

**Less
than 12
points**

There could be an accident waiting to happen in your home. Ask the adults who care for you to take action.

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| 1. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 | 9. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 |
| 2. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 | 10. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 |
| 3. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 | 11. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 |
| 4. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 | 12. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 |
| 5. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 | 13. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 |
| 6. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 | 14. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 |
| 7. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 | 15. ✓ = 0, ✗ = 1 |
| 8. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 | 16. ✓ = 1, ✗ = 0 |

Please email sophie.chester@esfrs.org if you would like a copy of the ESFRS 'Fire Safety In The Home' booklet.