

Conduct your own home fire safety check

This easy-to-follow home fire safety check will take you through your home one room at a time and the simple questions will help you spot fire risks as you go.



www.safelincs/hfsc



Hold the camera on your smartphone over this QR code, to take you straight to the website.

Electrical fires and overloaded sockets

Never overload an extension lead by plugging in appliances that together will exceed the maximum current rating stated for the extension lead. This could cause the plug in the wall socket to overheat and possibly cause a fire.



Use this overload calculator to check if you're exceeding the maximum load.



www.electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/guidance/safety-around-the-home/overloading-sockets/

Sponsored by: **TOWER INSURANCE**
PART OF THE RSA GROUP



For Fire Safety advice contact us on:

647300 

iomfire@gov.im 

gov.im/iomfrs-fireprevention 

Conduct your own home fire safety check



Protect your escape route from smoke and fire

Ensure you, your family and staying guests are prepared by knowing the escape plan.

Ensure you protect your escape route by keeping it clear and clutter free and all internal doors are closed to prevent smoke and fire spread.

Check keys to your exits are either in the door or somewhere near the door so you can let yourself out in an emergency.

Why do a home fire safety check?



By following our tips and advice you can reduce the risk of a fire in your home



It only take 15 minutes



There are around 35,000 house fires and over 300 fire related deaths in Great Britain each year



Receive a personalised fire safety action plan

Smoke detection

Smoke alarms will alert you early to a fire, giving you time to escape and call 999. Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home, ideally on the ceiling of a hallway and landing. Test your alarms every month.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) detection

CO is a silent killer – you can't see it, taste it or smell it. That's why it's important to install CO detectors within your home and be aware of the symptoms of CO poisoning. Possible sources include boilers, gas fires, central heating systems, water heaters, cookers and open fires.

Hearing impairment

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may benefit from having a smoke alarm which sets off a strobe light and vibrating pad, placed under your pillow, to help wake you should a fire happen. Contact The Manx Deaf Society for further advice on this option. email: contact@manxdeafsociety.org.im Tel: 07624 202875

Voice impairment

If you need to call 999 in an emergency but cannot speak to the operator, text 166999 instead and the Control Room will reply with further instructions.

Mobility impairment

Ask someone to test your smoke alarm regularly for you if it's difficult to reach. Make sure you have easy access to your mobility aids and a phone. If you use a mobility scooter think about where you store, park and charge it. Avoid blocking your exit and do not charge mobility scooters in exit routes or overnight.