



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



Prepare your home to ensure it is home fire safe.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Test** that your smoke alarm/s are working. If not, change the batteries or replace the alarm.
- Clean** your smoke alarm with a duster or vacuum cleaner to remove dust and any insects.
- Check** the smoke alarm is in date.

i ACT Fire & Rescue recommends that you have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of the home, placed between bedrooms and living areas. Hard-wired and interconnected smoke alarms should also be installed wherever possible.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANS

- Create** your home fire escape plan and **discuss** it with your household.
- Know** and record two safe ways out of every room. Make sure that your windows and doors are not obstructed and can be unlocked and opened quickly if necessary.
- As you exit the structure make sure you **close** internal doors behind you. This can reduce fire spread and minimise damage.

i Having a home fire escape plan will greatly increase your chances of getting out safely. If there is a fire in your home, do not wait, get out and stay out as every second counts. **Never go back inside a burning building.**

HEATERS

- Check** your electric and gas heaters before you use them and check the cords for fraying and damage before use.
- Have your electric or gas heating system installed or serviced by a qualified technician as per manufacturing instructions.
- Always keep items one metre from the heater.
- If you have a gas heater, consider purchasing a combined smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector.



In a life threatening emergency dial Triple Zero (000)



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ELECTRIC BLANKETS

- Test your electric blanket before use by laying it on top of your bed, feeling the internal wires for any abnormalities and inspecting cords/controls for damage.
- Before packing away, roll it for storage, folding can cause damage.

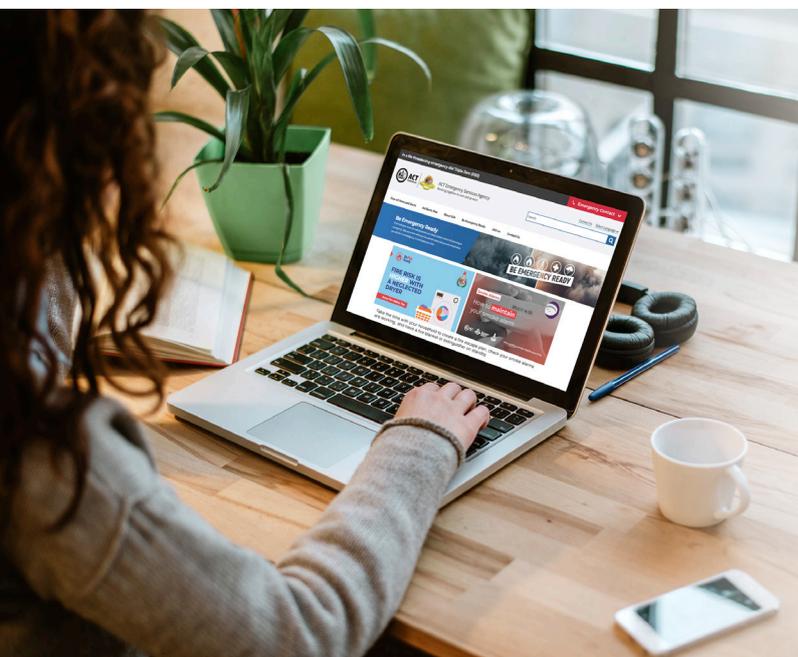
i Turn your electric blanket on for 5 minutes and then feel for any uneven hot spots. If you notice any of the abnormalities, the electric blanket should be replaced.

FIREPLACES AND CHIMNEYS

- Have your chimney serviced prior to using it by a qualified tradesperson.
- Ensure your wood pile sits at least a metre away from the fireplace.
- Purchase a fire screen if you do not own one. Fire screens should always be placed in front of fireplaces when in use.
- Choose a safe place to store matches and lighters where children cannot reach and that is at least a metre away from the fireplace.

SOLAR PV ARRAY AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)

- Visually check your connections and cables for damage.
- Keep Emergency Guidance information at the meter box to allow for easy access for Emergency Services.
- ACTF&R recommends Solar PV Array and BESS be regularly checked and serviced by an authorised technician as per manufacturing instructions
- Ensure signage has been installed per AS/NZS 5139:2019 to alert people and emergency services are aware of the installed system.
- Know your emergency shutdown procedures



Be Fire Ready



The ACT Emergency Services Agency is the single point of truth for emergency information in the ACT.

Visit the ESA website for more fire safety and preparedness tips.

esa.act.gov.au



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