

# PREPARE YOUR HOME TO PREVENT FIRE

## GENERAL

- Install an electrical safety switch.
- Don't overload power points.
- Switch off appliances when not in use.
- Check electrical equipment for frayed cords.
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Ensure central heating and air-conditioning units are checked by a qualified tradesperson annually.
- Install smoke alarms and check them regularly.
- Check that windows and security grilles open for an easy exit.
- Keep all exit paths clear.

## 1 ENTRANCE

- Keep keys in internal door locks.

## 2 LIVING ROOM

- Place a screen in front of open fires.
- Clean your chimney or flue once a year.
- Keep portable heaters away from curtains, tablecloths and bedding.
- Ensure electrical equipment has sufficient air circulation to avoid build up of heat (televisions, video, stereo and computer equipment).
- Never leave a naked flame unattended.

## 3 KITCHEN

- Write an escape plan and place it in a central location.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Place a fire extinguisher in the kitchen near the exit.
- Keep a fire blanket in the kitchen near the exit.
- Wear clothing with fitted sleeves when cooking.
- Never use sprays or liquid cleaners near hot surfaces as they can be highly flammable.



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## 5 LAUNDRY

- Clean the lint filter of the clothes dryer every time it is used.
- Take care with stored chemicals and fuels.
- Ensure there is a battery powered torch ready to use in the house.

## 6 OUTSIDE

- In bushfire prone areas keep the ground around your home clear of materials that may burn.
- Clean your gutters regularly.

## 7 GARAGE

- Store flammable liquids safely.

## 4 BEDROOMS

- Check electric blankets before placing them on the bed.

Home fire safety is important for the whole family