



SAFETY MEASURES AT HOME

In an emergency always ring triple zero (000) to get assistance from Police, Fire and Ambulance.



Fire Safety

- Fire blankets are to put out small fire. Eg. stove, candles. Do **NOT** put out big fire.
- Install an adequate number of suitable [smoke alarms](#) and test them regularly.
- Write an [escape plan](#) in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- Make sure keys to all doors/windows are readily accessible if needed to escape.
- Never leave cooking or any other open flame including candles or oil burners unattended.
- Always switch off electric blankets before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Heating equipment should be installed by a qualified person with Australian standard.
- Gas leak is a fire risk. Get out from the house, turn off main meter if possible or call 000.
- Do not cover heater with clothes etc. Do not leave it on all night.
- Do not overload power points



Home Safety

- Get to know your neighbours. Exchange phone numbers and keep an eye on each other's homes.
- Ensure doors and windows are secured, particularly in areas that are unoccupied.
- Remove keys from internal doors and windows when you are not at home.
- Don't leave a house key under the door mat, a pot plant or in other obvious places.
- Check references of a hired trades person, gardener, home cleaner etc.
- Ask for identifications from all salespersons who request entry to your home. If you're doubtful, check with the person's office.
- Give your home the "lived in" look when you're out - leave the light and radio on.
- Keep cash, keys and valuables out of sight and out of easy reach.
- Don't leave notes on the door as they suggest that no one is home.
- Ensure your house number is clearly visible so it can be located quickly in an emergency.



Adapted from: <https://esa.act.gov.au/home-fire-safety>; <https://www.police.act.gov.au/safety-and-security/personal-safety>;



Questions:

1. What do you do if there is a small fire on your stove?

2. Name 3 things that you need to avoid doing to keep your home safe from fire:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. What places you should avoid to leave your house keys?

4. What do you do if you feel unsure about the trade person you hired?

5. How do you give your home a "lived in" look?
