



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.
- Be aware that deadlocks/multiple locks/security grilles/bars on windows/roller shutters can impact on your escape from a fire. Remember every second counts!
- Never leave cooking or any other open flame including candles or oil burners unattended.
- 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.
- Never smoke in bed and take extra care if consuming alcohol whilst smoking.
- 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 locked, particularly in areas that are unoccupied.
- Remove keys from internal doors and windows when you are not at home.

Adapted from: <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pagelD=colHomeFireSafety> and <https://www.police.tas.gov.au/services-online/pamphlets-publications/residential-burglary-prevention/>



- Don't leave a house key under the door mat, a pot plant or in other obvious places.
- Give your home the "lived in" look when you're out - leave the light and radio on.
- Ask a friend or relative to check on your house, remove junk mail or house-sit for you if you go on a long holiday.
- 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.
- If you become aware of any suspicious door knocking, contact the police. One of the most common ways burglars do to check if a house is occupied is by knocking.
- Be careful of who you let in to the house – check sales people credentials, gardeners etc
- Ensure your house number is clearly visible so it can be located quickly in an emergency.





Questions:

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

2. List two things that can slow you down to escape in the case of home fire:

a.

b.

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

a.

b.

c.

4. What do you do if you go on a holiday?

5. What do you do with your valuables in the house to reduce risks of burglary?
