



# WINTER FIRE LIFE SAFETY CHECKLIST

**Winter in New York City can be bitterly cold and treacherous. Be prepared this winter season by taking some simple precautions that will keep you and your loved ones safe!**

***Oh, stormy nights!***     

Winter storms are no joke. The power can go out and it can get very cold. With or without storms in your part of town, stay safe all winter long with this fire life safety checklist.

- Check the batteries** in your smoke detectors and your carbon monoxide alarms.
- Have flashlights and radios ready** and handy with fresh batteries. Charge your phones and have back-up chargers just in case. To save your
- Do not use candles.** Battery-powered push lights are a great alternative to have available throughout the house instead of candles.
- Have warm clothes ready**, including extra heavy blankets, socks, and layers.
- Remember your pets!** Keep them away from drafts, heaters, and other heat sources. Bring them in from the cold, including balconies and garages.
- Protect against window and door drafts** with draft stoppers.
- Monitor the weather to be aware of dangerous conditions heading your way.
- DO NOT use** the oven, kerosene lamps, or barbecues to keep warm.
- DO NOT use** generators indoors, even in your garage, with or without the door open. Always use generators outdoors.
- If you live in a home, **make sure your house number is clearly visible** and your driveway is clear so that fire and emergency responders can get to you and your home quickly.
- If you live in an apartment, **consider your winter escape route** and additional dangers they may pose such as a wet and slippery fire escape.
- Turn off portable heaters** when you leave the room and when you go to bed.
- Have extra canned food** in case conditions keep you indoors and check your go-kits, just in case!
- Check in on your neighbors**, especially the elderly, to see if they need any assistance this season!

## DID YOU KNOW...?\*

- There are more home fires in winter than in any other season? Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January, and February. Don't be a statistic. Stay warm *and safe* this winter!