



Safety Tips For Your Home

At Airbnb, our community's safety is our priority.

We've partnered with the UK's [National Fire Chiefs Council](#) (NFCC) to provide you with helpful information on how you can keep your home safe — both for you and for your Airbnb guests.

All UK hosts should be aware that fire safety regulations apply to all premises with paying guests. We recommend familiarising yourself with the Home Office's "[Do you have paying guests](#)" guidelines for full details.

Take a few moments to read over the following home fire safety advice from the NFCC:



Install and regularly test alarms

Working smoke alarms are key to having a safe home and provide valuable time to escape a fire. Make sure you have the correct alarms in the right places and they are audible from all parts of the property. The NFCC recommends that you test alarms once a week. Interlinked mains operated alarms are very reliable, but if you have a battery operated alarm make sure you have spare batteries. At Airbnb, we are giving out [free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors](#) to hosts who need them in their home.



Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer

Carbon monoxide can be caused by poorly installed or maintained appliances, and this clear, odourless, and toxic gas can be hard to detect without an alarm. Make sure you install carbon monoxide detectors in your home and ensure your gas appliances are serviced once a year by a [Gas Safe](#) registered engineer. If you have a wood or coal burning stove, make sure the chimneys are swept twice a year.



Prevention is key

Always keep flammable items and substances away from sources of heat and ignition — and either locked or high out of the reach of children. Kitchen appliances, such as toasters, should not be used under wall mounted units. If smoking is allowed in or around your property, be sure to remind guests to fully and safely extinguish all smoking materials.



Pay attention to electrical items

Routinely check that your electrical appliances and items are working correctly and that all cables and flexes are in good condition. Make sure sockets and extension leads are not overloaded.



Close doors (especially at night time)

A closed door helps stop fire and smoke spreading, which can help protect your escape route. Make sure you close all doors as part of your night time routine.



Have an escape plan

Know the escape routes from each room in your home and have a detailed plan for you, your family, and your guests in the event you need to evacuate. Escape routes should be kept clear of any clutter and trip hazards. Make sure the plan is appropriate for everyone who stays with you and keep a printed copy of the card handy upon check in.



Looking for more home safety advice?

Your local fire and rescue service may be able to offer further help or advice on how to keep your home safe. Be sure to reach out to your local fire and rescue service.