



# IT'S TIME TO ADD “CLOSE YOUR DOOR” TO YOUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of a fire. But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.



**MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE** - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.

Melting Points of Common Household Items	
Vinyl Blinds/Flooring	150–200°F
Plastic Toys/Containers	200–250°F
Electronics	250–350°F
Foam Mattress/Couch Cushions	300–400°F
Wooden Studs	390–500°F



**TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH** - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 PPM versus 10,000 PPM if the door is left open.

Health Effects of Carbon Monoxide(CO) at Different PPM's	
Mild Headache	50ppm
Headache & Dizziness	100ppm
Severe Headache & Nausea	200ppm
Dizziness & Weakness	400ppm
Unconsciousness & Death	800+ppm



**TAKE A BREATHER** - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.

Fire Behavior at Different Oxygen(O <sub>2</sub> ) Levels	
Fire Usually Self Extinguishes	<12% O <sub>2</sub>
Low Heat(400 - 600°F)	12 - 15% O <sub>2</sub>
Moderate Heat(1000 - 1400°F)	16 - 19% O <sub>2</sub>
Normal Heat(1100 - 1800°F)	20.9% O <sub>2</sub>
High Heat(2000+°F)	>21% O <sub>2</sub>



**DOZE SAFELY** - 50% of home fire deaths happen between 11pm and 7am. Closing your doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.

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