



## FACT SHEET

# Home Fire Safety Audit

The Home Fire Safety Audit is an easy-to-use online self-assessment tool that allow members of NSW community to assess home fire awareness and identify fire risks throughout the home.

The audit takes just minutes to complete and guides families through rooms in their house including their kitchen, bedroom, laundry and garage to identify key fire risks particular to their home and habits.

At the end of the audit the user receives a fire risk rating and practical steps to reduce the risk of fire in their home.

The user also has the option to register to receive a reminder to re-take the audit in 12 months time to gauge if their fire risk has improved.

Key questions asked in the Home Fire Safety Audit include:

### **Risks**

- Are items ever left on stovetops unsupervised?
- Do any residents under the age of 16 cook in the kitchen?
- Are candles ever left burning unsupervised in the home?
- Are power boards used throughout the home?
- Are heaters ever used to dry washing?
- Do residents clean lint filters in clothes dryer?
- Are hazardous/flammable liquids or chemicals stored in the house

### **Fire Safety Awareness**

- Do residents have smoke alarms, fire blankets or fire extinguishers?
- Are smoke alarms tested, cleaned or replaced on a regular basis?
- Do residents have a home escape plan in the case of a fire?
- Do residents on the rural-urban interface prepare the exterior of the property for the bush fire season?

The audit will also allow the NSW Fire Brigades to collect valuable data regarding common fire risks and fire safety awareness standards in the community.

Over time, the audit will provide a benchmark for improving fire risks in the home and fire safety awareness throughout NSW communities.