

Fire Safety Measures

Approximately 62% of people who die in preventable residential fires each year are people with disability. NDIS providers and support workers have an obligation under the NDIS Code of Conduct to act on any reasonable or obvious fire risks they observe and take appropriate steps, such as raising the concern with the participant or another appropriate person.



How NDIS providers and workers can reduce fire safety risk

Dependent on the supports being provided, providers and workers may:

- Conduct risk assessments
- Work to actively prevent fire in the home
- Develop home escape and emergency plans
- Source fire safety devices that meet a participant's needs, like specialised smoke alarms
- Ensure all staff are appropriately trained.



Be 'Fire Safe'

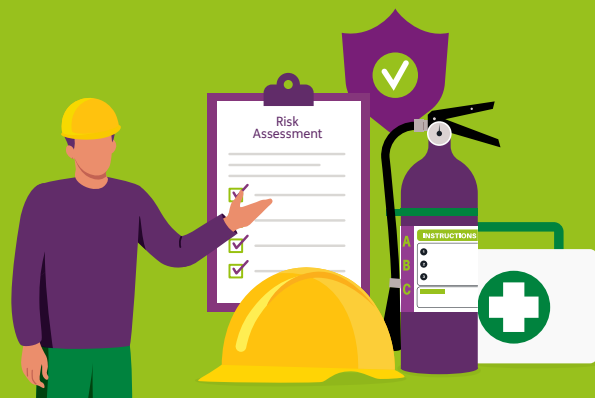
Being 'fire safe' means actively preventing fires at home, having working smoke alarms suitable to a person's needs, and having a home fire escape plan and an emergency plan.

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Avoid smoking in bed or when under the influence of drugs (including medication) or alcohol
- Ensure appropriate smoke alarms are installed and working
- Turn off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use, and never overload power boards
- Turn off all heating appliances before leaving the house or going to sleep
- Never leave lit candles, oil burners or other open flames unattended



How to provide ongoing support

Under the NDIS Code of Conduct, providers and workers are required to promptly take steps to raise and act on concerns about matters that may impact the quality and safety of supports and services provided to people with disability. This includes acting on concerns around fire safety. The Fire and Rescue authorities in each state and territory provide resources to assist you to assess and minimise risk.



Find out more

For full details on this provider alert and the obligations for NDIS support workers, and access to other training and resources, please visit [ndiscommission.gov.au/workerresources](https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/workerresources)



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