Candles are placed in sturdy candleholders and are blown out whenever I leave the room, leave the home, or go to bed.

Candles are kept at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.

I will consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell, and feel like real candles.

The home has smoke alarms installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area and on each level.

Note: If your home doesn’t have smoke alarms, ask your landlord to install them.

The smoke alarms are interconnected, so when one sounds, they all sound.

The home has carbon monoxide alarms.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are tested once a month.

A list of emergency numbers, local fire and police departments, are posted on the refrigerator.

For best protection, the home has a fire sprinkler system.

There are two ways out of every room in the home.

All windows and doors open easily.

Escape routes are clear of clutter so they can be used.

There is an outside meeting place in front of the home where everyone will meet if the smoke alarm sounds.

Everyone in the home participates in home fire drills at least twice a year.

I review the home escape plan with overnight guests.

Smokers smoke outside and use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays.

One heat-producing appliance (such as a coffeemaker, toaster, space heater, etc.) is plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.

Porches and decks are clear of upholstered furniture, barbeque grills, fire pits, and chimineas.

When cooking, I stay in the kitchen.

I don’t use the stove or stovetop when I am tired, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medications or drugs that make me drowsy.

I have asked the local fire department for any restrictions on using a barbeque grill, fire pit, or chimenea.