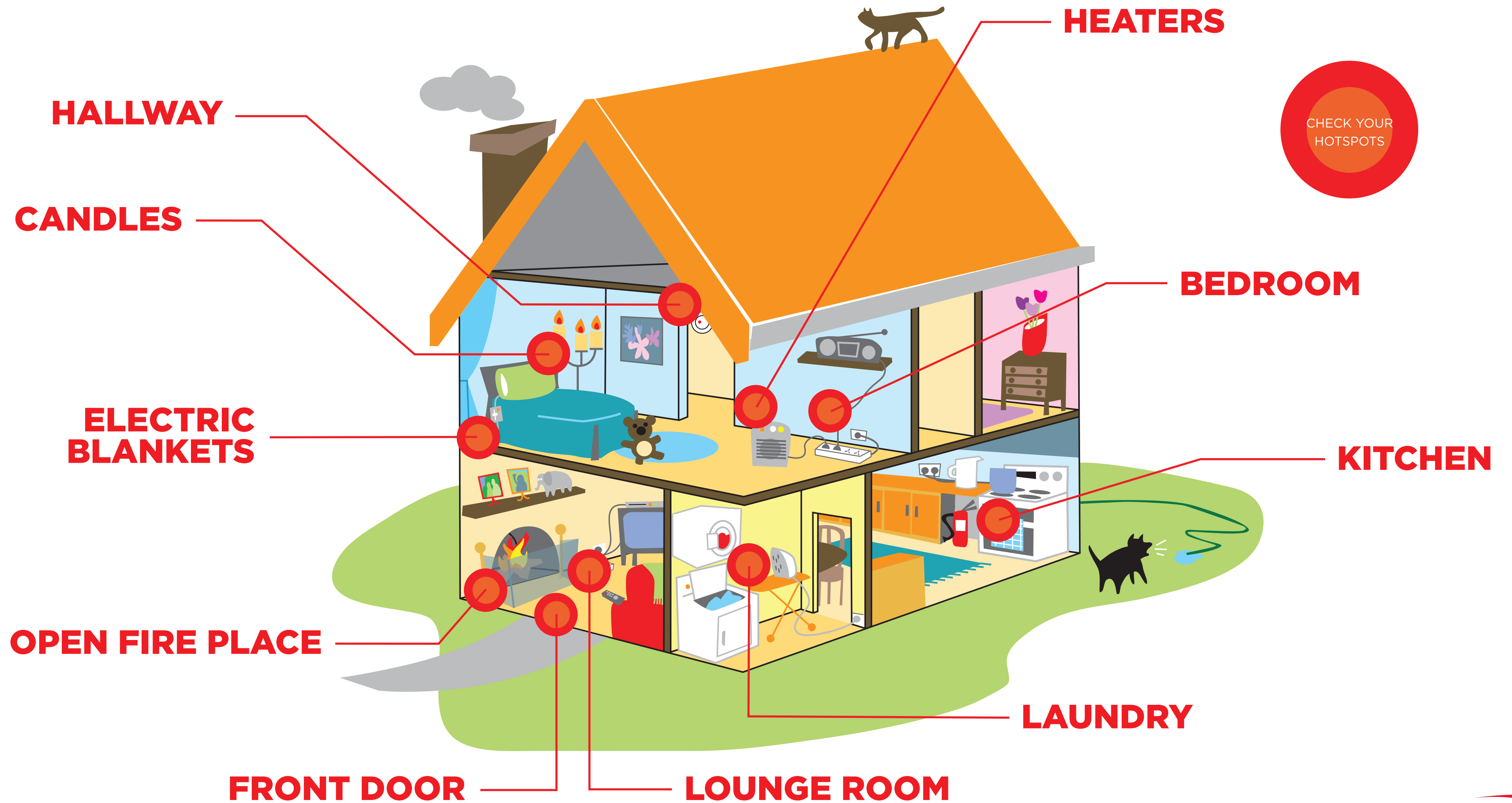


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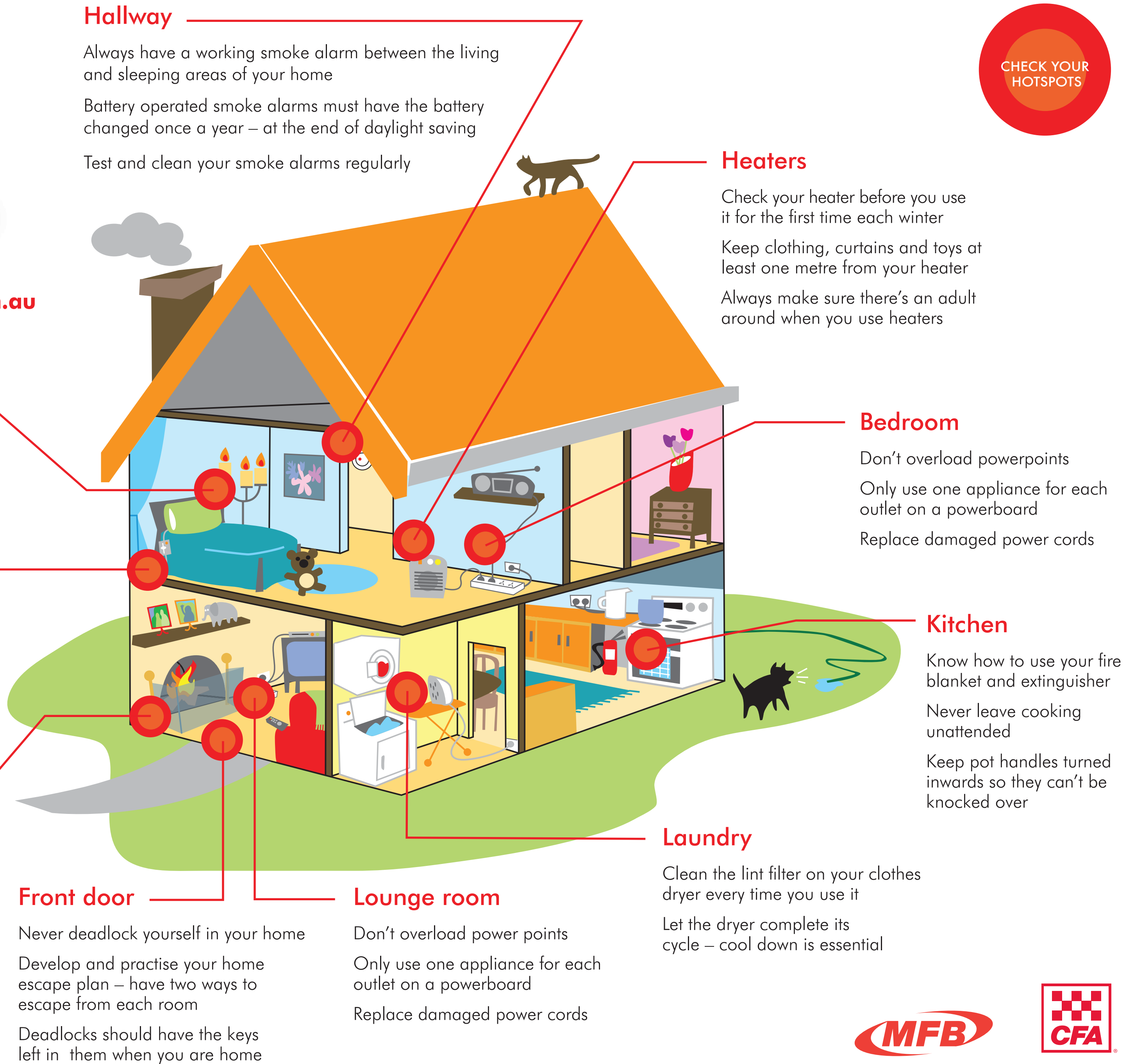


# KNOW YOUR HOME HOTSPOTS

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[homefiresafety.com.au](http://homefiresafety.com.au)



**Hallway**  
Always have a working smoke alarm between the living and sleeping areas of your home  
Battery operated smoke alarms must have the battery changed once a year – at the end of daylight saving  
Test and clean your smoke alarms regularly

**Heaters**  
Check your heater before you use it for the first time each winter  
Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre from your heater  
Always make sure there's an adult around when you use heaters

**Bedroom**  
Don't overload powerpoints  
Only use one appliance for each outlet on a powerboard  
Replace damaged power cords

**Kitchen**  
Know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher  
Never leave cooking unattended  
Keep pot handles turned inwards so they can't be knocked over

**Laundry**  
Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer every time you use it  
Let the dryer complete its cycle – cool down is essential

**Lounge room**  
Don't overload power points  
Only use one appliance for each outlet on a powerboard  
Replace damaged power cords

**Front door**  
Never deadlock yourself in your home  
Develop and practise your home escape plan – have two ways to escape from each room  
Deadlocks should have the keys left in them when you are home

**Candles**  
Keep away from curtains and windows  
Don't put directly on wood or plastic  
Use only when an adult is watching

**Electric blankets**  
Don't use if the wires are damaged  
Check the blanket carefully for burn spots  
Make sure the blanket isn't bunched up  
Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed  
Turn off before you get into bed

**Open fire place**  
Always place a screen in front of an open fire  
Put fires out before going to bed or going out  
Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre from your fireplace  
Always make sure there's an adult around when you use the fire

