

QUICK HOME FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION

- OK Needs Work **Smoke Detectors**
1. All smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors have been tested at least once a month.
2. The batteries in your detectors have been replaced this year.
3. Smoke detectors are cleaned out periodically. (use a vacuum or blower to remove dust)
4. There are smoke detectors on every floor of the house (including the basement) and outside of every sleeping area (this is a minimum).



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1. Have at least one fire extinguisher.
2. Extinguisher pressure gauges are checked yearly (Needle should be in the green area of the gauge).
3. Extinguishers are in a conspicuous place (everyone knows where they are located).
4. Every adult in the household knows how to properly operate *your* extinguishers.
5. Fire extinguishers are inverted and tapped on the bottom periodically (the extinguishing agent packs down like flour over time, making it less effective).



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1. Have an escape plan and practice it at least once a year (twice recommended)
2. There are two ways out of every room.
3. All windows have been exercised periodically and open easily
4. All persons in the household can safely egress through all designated exits.
5. All doors close securely (closing doors will slow spread of fire).
6. A predetermined outdoor meeting place has been established and family members have practiced meeting there.



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1. Outlets do not have more than one item per outlet (exception power strips with a breaker may be used).
2. All outlets have cover plates securely fastened to the wall.
3. Breaker box has a cover/ door and all knockouts are filled.
4. Use extension cords only for temporary purposes.
Do not use extension cords for appliances such as a refrigerator



- OK Needs Work **Fireplaces, Wood Burning Stoves & Portable Heaters**
1. Have at-least 3 feet of clearance around wood burning stoves, portable heaters and fireplaces from combustible materials (ie: curtains, furniture, newspapers, plants, dry wood, etc.).
2. Wood burning stoves and fireplaces are being vented properly.
3. A trained professional has cleaned and inspected the chimney/ flue this year (annual cleaning/ inspection is recommended).

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Candles

1. Candles are kept out of reach of children and away from combustibles.
2. Never leave candles unattended.



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Furnace & Water Heater

1. A trained professional has checked it this year (annual check is recommended).
2. There are no combustibles within 30 inches of the gas furnace, water heater or gas dryer.
3. Carbon monoxide (CO) detector(s) have been installed.



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Smoking Materials & Matches

1. Smokers use deep ashtrays.
2. Smokers are very careful with smoking materials.
3. Matches and lighters are out of reach of children!!!
4. Ashes are not thrown into trash container until cool.

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Flammable Liquid Storage

1. Flammable liquids are stored in tight metal containers (including rags etc. that have absorbed flammable liquids).
2. Flammable liquids are stored well away from heat sources and pilot lights.
3. Flammable liquids stored in garage or preferably in shed separate from the house. (Never stored in a basement.)

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Show The Way

1. Address can easily be seen from the street any time - day or night.