



# Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

## Bedrooms

- Is there a properly operating smoke alarm in each bedroom?
- Is there a home escape plan posted in each bedroom?
- Does every room have two exits?
- Are windows easily opened?
- Do second floor bedrooms have a safety ladder?
- Do you have a designated meeting place? Does everyone know where the meeting place is?
- Is there a carbon monoxide detector installed on the sleeping level of the home?
- Always sleep with your bedroom door completely closed

## Living Room/Family Room/Den

- Are all couches and chairs at least three feet from fireplaces, wood stoves, or space heaters?
- Do you have a screen in front of your fireplace or wood stove?
- Is there a fireproof rug in front of the fireplace or wood stove?
- Are all candles placed in a proper sized holder and setting on a non-combustible surface?
- Are all extension cords placed over rugs, not through doorways, and not plugged into a second cord?
- Are exit paths, stairs and doors clear of obstructions?
- Is there a carbon monoxide detector installed in the living area of the home?

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## Kitchen

- Do you always stay at the stove side when you are cooking with grease or oil?
- Is there a three-foot safety zone around the stove to safeguard around small children?
- Is the stove and adjacent area free of towels, pot holders, and other combustibles?
- Do you cook on the rear burners to ensure all pan handles are not hanging over the front of the stove?
- Are the cords on all appliances tied up so they do not hang over the edge of the counter?
- Is there a fire extinguisher available in the kitchen?

## Bathroom

- Are all outlets connected to a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) breaker?
- Are all electrical and grooming appliances unplugged after each use?
- Are all candles placed in a proper sized holder and setting on a non-combustible surface?
- Are all medicines and cleaning supplies secured in a cabinet with a locking device?
- Is the bathroom vent fan cover removed to allow for cleaning the fan, blades, and cover every six months? (ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE POWER FIRST!)
- Are all light bulbs the proper wattage for the lighting fixtures they are in?



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## Garage/Utility Room

- Are all flammable liquids stored in proper containers and located outside of the garage in a detached shed or separate area?
- Is all gasoline powered equipment stored outside of the garage in a detached shed or separate area?
- If the garage is attached to the home, is there a solid door between the two areas?
- Is your garage equipped with a properly operating fire extinguisher
- Ensure you never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent?
- Do you have a smoke alarm in the garage and/or utility room?

## Outside

- Is your house number visible from the street by Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement responders?
- Are the roof and gutters clear from excessive leaves and pine straw?
- Is there proper clearance around electrical and gas meters?
- Is your driveway clear enough to allow fire engines and ambulances to reach your home?
- Is the gas or charcoal grill utilized at least 10 feet from the side of your home?
- Are proper ash trays located outside for smokers?
- Is the area next to your home free of excessive leaves, brush, or combustibles?

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## Electrical

- Is the home equipped with the proper Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) breakers?
- Are all extension cords not plugged into a second extension cord, and not run through doorways?
- Are all appliances plugged directly to wall outlets?
- Are all breakers properly labeled in the electrical box?
- Is there a three foot clearance in front of the breaker/fuse box?
- Are all electrical outlets and switches covered by proper cover plates?
- Are outside lighting appliances clear of any combustibles?

## General Safety Items

- Are all smoke alarms tested and cleaned each month?
- Replace smoke alarms over 10 years old?
- Is your house number visible for Fire, EMS and Police?
- Is the dryer lint trap cleaned out after each use?
- Is there a three-foot clearance around heating devices and water heaters?
- Are all areas of the home free of excessive clutter, including: clothing, papers, magazines and other combustibles?
- Are the furnace, and the fireplace, inspected and cleaned before each heating system?
- Are furnace filters changed on a regular schedule?

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