



HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST



General

- Home has a working smoke alarm on every level, hallway and bedroom.
- Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Family has and practices a home fire escape plan.
- House number is visible from the street both day and night.
- Windows used for escape open easily, are not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut. Security bars, if present, have a quick release-device.
- Home has working carbon monoxide alarm outside each sleeping area and on every level.

Throughout the Home

- Smokers smoke outside the home with large ashtrays provided.
- Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet away from children.
- Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantity.
- The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.
- Stair is provided with a handrail(s) and can be illuminated for night time use.
- All bedrooms have two ways out, window and a door.

Kitchen

- Things that can burn are removed and never stored on the stovetop.
- Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.

Living/Family Room

- Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Objects that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fire places.

Basement

- Workshop area is clean of things that can burn.
- Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
- Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace.
- Furnace and Chimneys are inspected and cleaned annually or as needed.
- Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

Garage & Outside the Home

- There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Gasoline is stored in an approved container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
- Barbecue grill is only used outdoors.
- Swimming pool/hot tub is enclosed by a locking 4-sided fence with gate and the electrical is properly grounded.

Electrical

- Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces and are within 6 feet of running water. Outlets are working properly.
- Switches and outlets are installed correctly and in good condition with no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Light bulbs are the correct wattage for the light fixture.
- Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run installed correctly through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- If there are young children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.

If you would like a member of A.F.F.D come to your home and perform a safety evaluation please contact us at 801-763-3045