

# Home Safety Checklist

Please take the time to complete this Home Safety Checklist. If you check off "No" to any of the questions, please work to correct these hazards. You play an important role in fire safety and injury prevention.

**Together we can make a difference!**

## All Household Areas .

**Yes No**

- Are extension cords used only for temporary wiring?
- Are electrical cords in good condition?
- Are electrical outlets safely loaded?
- Are windows easy to open?
- Is wastepaper properly disposed of?
- Are household chemicals/cleaning supplies stored out of children's reach?
- Are matches and lighters stored out of reach of minors?
- Do you have safe smoking habits/rules in your home?
- Are the stairs in your home kept clear of debris?
- Do you know where the main circuit breaker box is located?
- Do you know how to shut off the water service and natural gas service?

## Kitchen

**Yes No**

- Are pot handles turned towards the back of the stove when cooking?
- Does your family know not to leave cooking unattended?
- Are things that catch on fire kept away from the cooking area?
- Are small appliances unplugged when not in use?
- Is stove hood, filter and vent cleaned and maintained?
- Are young children kept away from the kitchen?
- Are the cooking areas kept clean?
- Do cooks know not to wear loose fitting clothing near the stove?
- Do you not allow electrical cords to dangle over the edge of counters?
- Is your family aware of the risks associated with microwave use?

## Bathroom

**Yes No**

- Do you turn on the cold water first when filling the bathtub?
- Do you stay in the bathroom from the time you start filling the tub?
- Do you check the temperature before putting your children in the bathtub?
- Do you keep your bathroom door closed when not in use?
- Are medicines kept in a locked cabinet or out of children's reach?
- Do you keep electrical appliances away from the bathtub/sink?

**Living Area****Yes No**

- Does your fireplace have a proper screen and hearth?
- Is your chimney professionally cleaned at least every six months when it is used?
- Do you dispose of fireplace ashes safely?
- Do you ensure fires in fireplaces are completely out before going to bed?
- Are portable heaters turned off when no one is in the room?
- Are portable heaters kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn?
- Are bookcases, pictures, heavy furniture & shelves anchored to wall studs?
- Is your family aware of the dangers of halogen lamps/lights?

**Attic****Yes No**

- Do you keep your attic clear of old rags, paper, mattresses and other combustibles?
- Are your heating ducts properly maintained?

**Basement****Yes No**

- Do you keep your basement clear of old rags, paper, mattresses and other combustibles?
- Do you have your furnace professionally cleaned and inspected once a year?
- Are the filters in your furnace clean and in good shape?
- Is your washer and dryer properly grounded?
- Is your clothes dryer lint-collector clean?
- Do you clean the dryer vent duct at least twice a year?
- Is the basement door kept closed?

**DO NOT STORE GASOLINE IN YOUR BASEMENT! Garage and yard****Yes No**

- Do you keep your yard clear of leaves, debris and other combustible rubbish?
- Do you have a solid core door between your residence and the garage?
- Is gasoline and other flammable liquids stored away from heat/ignition sources?
- Is gasoline and other flammable liquids stored in a metal safety can?
- Are oily rags stored in metal containers with tight fitting lids?
- Are power mowers stored properly?

**Keep your family safe****Yes No**

- Are you aware of this city's smoke alarm by-law?
- Do you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home? In every bedroom?
- Do you have at least one ABC extinguisher in your home?
- Does your family know and practice a home escape plan?
- Are house numbers visible from the street?
- Do you know your emergency phone number?
- Do you test your smoke alarms monthly and change the battery once a year?
- Does your family know what to do if their clothes catch on fire (Stop, Drop & Roll)?
- Do you know to treat minor burns with cool water for at least 10 minutes?

**Congratulations!** You have completed the *Home Safety Checklist!*

We now urge you to correct any hazards as soon as possible. This is important for your family's safety.