

# Home Fire Safety Survey

**Be Honest-A Life may depend on it.**

## General

- Yes  No Do you have Emergency Contact numbers easily accessible.
- Yes  No Home has smoke alarms on every level.
- Yes  No Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
- Yes  No Home has at least one smoke alarm per 500 square feet on each level.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. (Best Protection)
- Yes  No All smoke alarms are tested monthly and working.
- Yes  No Family has a home fire escape plan.
- Yes  No Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
- Yes  No Occupants discuss escape planning and occupant requirements in case of a fire or emergency escape.
- Yes  No Windows that would be used for escape open easily and are not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.

- Yes  No Security bars, if present, have a quick release-device.
- Yes  No Home has a home fire sprinkler system. (Best Protection)
- Yes  No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes  No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
- Yes  No Carbon monoxide alarms are tested monthly and working.
- Yes  No House number is reflective and visible from the street.

## Throughout the Home

- Yes  No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes  No Cigarettes are fully extinguished before discarding.
- Yes  No Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet.
- Yes  No Candles are not left unattended.
- Yes  No Flammable liquids are stored outside the home.
- Yes  No The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.

## Kitchen

- Yes  No Things that can burn are kept clear of the stovetop.
- Yes  No Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Yes  No Adult stays in the kitchen when stovetop is in use.

## Living/Family Room

- Yes  No Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Yes  No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.
- Basement
- Yes  No Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Yes  No Furnace is cleaned and inspected annually; things that can burn are 3 feet away from furnace.
- Yes  No Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Yes  No Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

## Garage

- Yes  No Home has a solid door between garage and living area.
- Yes  No Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separated from the home.
- Yes  No Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.

## Outside the Home

- Yes  No Electrical receptacles located outside are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- Yes  No There is no rubbish, trash, brush, or tree trimming accumulation on the property.
- Yes  No Barbeque grill is only used outdoors and kept 10' away from the home.

Yes  No Swimming pool or hot tub is enclosed by a four-sided fence and locked gate. Filter, heater or hot tub is properly grounded.

**Electrical**

Yes  No AFCIs (arc-fault circuit interrupters) are installed throughout the home and they are working properly (new home construction only).

Yes  No Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly.

Yes  No All receptacles and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition.

Yes  No Receptacles have been tested and are in good working condition-no evidence of arcing or overheating.

Yes  No Switches are in good condition-no evidence of arcing or overheating.

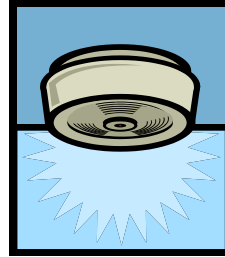
Yes  No Lighting fixtures/canopies are fastened in place and fixture is in good condition.

Yes  No Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture.

Yes  No You do not use flexible extension cords and cables as fixed wiring,

Yes  No If there are young children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.

Yes  No Electric breaker panels are accessible for inspection and in good condition-no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage



How did you do.....  
Correct 50....Perfect you are a stellar fire safety citizen

Correct 40 to 49.....Awesome, correct a few things to be perfect.

Correct 30 to 39.....Good, but you could do better.

Correct Less than 30...Call us and we will come to you and talk about improvements you can make.

If you have any further questions or concerns from conducting this self survey, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (304) 348-8058.

*"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Benjamin Franklin*

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