

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Exterior

- House number visible from street.
- Driveway accessible for fire engine.
- Security bars (if present on windows/doors) have quick release.
- Exterior walkways well lit.
- Stairs and porch railings secure.
- Combustibles and hazardous materials stored properly.
- Backup power generator exhaust exiting outside.
- Shrubs, brush, debris at least 30' from structures.

Home Escape Plan

- Have two ways out of each room.
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke.
- Know that once you're out, stay out.
- Know where to meet after the escape.
- Meeting place should be near the front of your home, so firefighters know you are out.
- Practice your fire escape plan.

Smoke/CO/Radon Alarms

- Smoke alarm on every level of the home, and inside and outside each sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are tested and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.
- Radon detector in basement.

Cooking Safety

- Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire.
- Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside.
- Pots are not left unattended on the stove with handles in.

Electrical & Appliance Safety

- Electrical panel clear and accessible.
- Electrical cords do not run under rugs.
- Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked.
- Circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters are used for additional outlets.
- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.
- Hot water heater temperature < 120 degrees, secured to wall.
- Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean.
- Replace washing machine hoses if more than 10 years old.
- Locate gas/propane/water shutoffs.

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that can't be tipped over.
- All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room.
- Children and pets are never left unattended with candles.

Smoking Safety N/A

- Family members who smoke only buy fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside.
- Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight.
- Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from items that can catch fire.
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn.

Heating Safety

- Chimney and/or furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least 3 feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters.
- Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire.
- Extension cords are never used with space heaters.
- Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have tip-over shut-off function.

Medical Awareness

- Keep sharps in secured sharps container.
- Discard outdated medications properly.

Recommendations

- Complete and keep Emergency Medical Information Kit (EMI) in your home.
- Knox Box available for gate or locked doors
- Complete First Aid/CPR choking training
- Purchase Fire extinguishers.
- Purchase or assemble a First Aid Kit.
- Purchase or assemble a Disaster Preparedness Kit.
- Have emergency phone numbers clearly posted - Poison Control, Water Assoc., HOA, relative, etc.