



Home Fire Safety Survey



General

- 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 Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. (Best protection)
- Yes No All smoke alarms are 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 The home has occupant(s) that require assistance to escape. Occupants discuss escape planning and occupant requirements in case of a fire or emergency escape.
- Yes No House number is visible from the street.
- Yes No Windows used for escape open easily — 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 working.

Throughout the Home

- Yes No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes No Large ashtrays are provided outside for smokers.
- Yes No Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet.
- Yes No Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Yes No Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantify.
- 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 removed from 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.

Bedrooms

- Yes No All bedrooms have two ways out — window and a door.

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Basement

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

Garage

- Yes** **No** There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Yes** **No** Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate 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** Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- Yes** **No** There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
- Yes** **No** Barbecue grill is only used outdoors.
- 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 receptacle 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 fixture 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** Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- Yes** **No** If there are young children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.
- Yes** **No** Panel board and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition — no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage.
- Yes** **No** Service entrance raceways or cables are fastened in place, grounded, readily accessible and in good condition.

Stair Safety

- Yes** **No** Trips and falls on stairs are a leading cause of home injuries.
- Yes** **No** Stair is provided with a handrail(s).
- Yes** **No** Stair can be illuminated for night time use.
- Yes** **No** Stair tread depth and riser height are uniform.
- Yes** **No** Stair landing nosing projections are consistent with other nosings on the stair flight. (You can determine this by doing a “crouch and sight” test. Crouch down at the top landing of the stair. All the nosings from the landing to the bottom step should line up.)

The items checked “No” may put you and your family at risk. You are urged to correct these at once for your own safety. This inspection does not identify future conditions such as failure of components, wiring or human behavior which could result in a fire. Please contact Sharon New, Life Safety and Injury Prevention Office at 410.222.8303, with any questions or concerns or for an appointment for her to come to your home.