



# Home Safety Check-List

Please take the time to complete the following inspection of your home. As you evaluate each item, check the box in the space provided if the item is already safe. When you are finished, review each empty boxes. This Identifies what hazards are present and need corrective action.

## Kitchen

<input type="checkbox"/>	Appliance cords are kept out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	You are careful not to over load electrical outlets.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All appliances are kept away from water.
<input type="checkbox"/>	All appliances cords are in good condition.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The stovetop is clean of grease and oil.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combustibles are kept away from the stove.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wear tight sleeved clothing when cooking.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Never walk away when food is cooking on the stove.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handles on pots and pans are turned inward while on the stove.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning products are stored out of reach of young children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Extinguisher is accessible at an exit and a family members are trained.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cool a burn with water, not with ice or other remedies.

## Bedrooms and Bathrooms

<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows can be opened easily from the inside.
<input type="checkbox"/>	You have a working flashlight in each bedroom.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lightbulbs are at or below maximum wattage prescribed by manufacture.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical outlets are not overloaded.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matches, lighters, poisons and medications are stored out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning products are kept in original container out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candles are away from combustibles and extinguished before leaving the room.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Each family member know how to get out of each room (at least two ways).
<input type="checkbox"/>	All family member know how to crawl low under smoke.
<input type="checkbox"/>	An escape ladder is available from upper levels.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sleep with the bedroom door closed.

## Exterior of the Home

<input type="checkbox"/>	Your Address is posted on mailbox/front of your house and visible from the street.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weeds and brush are cleared at least 10 feet from your house.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Firepits are at least 25 feet from your house and combustibles.

## **Living Room**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't overload electrical outlets.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Fireplace has a glass/screen covering.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If there is a smoker in the household, use large, deep ashtrays.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Metal container is used to remove ash and placed on a non-combustible surface.
<input type="checkbox"/>	You had your chimney cleaned within the last year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combustibles are not stored near fireplaces or woodstoves.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candles are kept away from combustibles and extinguished before leaving.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension cords are in good working order and are not used as permanent wiring.

## **Storage and Working Areas**

<input type="checkbox"/>	The hot water heater set at 120 degrees or lower.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The furnace or heating unit is checked and cleaned once a year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The area around the furnace is clean and not used for storage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The electrical panel box is not overloaded and the cover is closed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The dryer lint trap is cleaned after each use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaning agents are stored in their original containers out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid unnecessary clutter that adds additional fuel for a fire.

## **Garage**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Oily rags with paint, oil, varnish and polish are kept in covered metal can.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gasoline and kerosene are stored in approved and labeled safety can.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chemicals are kept in their original containers and stored away from children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lawn mowers are started and refueled outdoors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At least one fire extinguisher is available at an exit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Portable heaters are used in well ventilated areas.

## **Smoke Alarms**

<input type="checkbox"/>	You have a smoke alarm on each level of your home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	You have a smoke alarm outside and/or inside of each bedroom.

## **Are you and your family protected?**

Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Do you have a working smoke alarm? The Metro Richmond Fire Departments offer free smoke alarms, batteries and installation. All you have to do is call the Metro Richmond Fire Safety Hotline toll-free 1-888-537-5967 to schedule a visit from our firefighters. If you like, we can even conduct a free home safety survey while we are there.

Call Today!