Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

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Practice An EDITH
(Exit Drill In The Home)

☐ Develop a home escape plan that includes:
  ● Two exits out of every room
  ● An outside meeting place (tree, mailbox, etc.)
☐ Practice escape plan with every member
☐ Escape using the nearest safe exit
☐ Escape and exit away from smoke
☐ If room is full of smoke, crawl low to exit
☐ Teach all family members how to:
  ● Call 9-1-1 in an emergency
    (State your name, location & type of emergency)

Smoking Materials & Candles

☐ Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
☐ Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
☐ Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only and water soak
☐ Never smoke in bed or when drowsy
☐ Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
☐ Never leave candles unattended
☐ Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children

Heating Equipment & Fireplace

☐ Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
☐ Never leave space heaters unattended, turn off while sleeping
☐ Replace furnace filters regularly
☐ Never use oven/cookstove for home heating
☐ Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
☐ Install a spark screen on fireplace opening
☐ Have chimney inspected/cleaned annually
☐ Install a spark arrester on chimney
☐ Burn only clean, dry firewood
☐ Dispose of ashes in metal containers and water soak
☐ Keep newspapers, other combustibles, and clutter away from water heater/furnace

Smoke Alarms

☐ Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
☐ Test smoke alarms once a month
    (Hint: use a broom handle to reach & push test button)
☐ Replace smoke alarm batteries twice a year
    (Hint: use each time-change as a reminder)
☐ Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years

Fire Extinguishers

☐ Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
☐ Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher
    (Use P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
☐ Fight fire with a safe exit behind you
☐ Inspect extinguishers annually

Cooking

☐ Never leave cooking unattended
☐ Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
☐ If your clothes catch fire, Stop, Drop, and Roll
☐ Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
☐ When barbequing, move unit away from the house
☐ Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers
Exterior

☐ Make house number visible from street
☐ Trim trees away from electrical wires
☐ Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters
☐ Keep lawn mowed a minimum of 30 feet surrounding house

Electrical

☐ Avoid overloading electrical circuits
☐ Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
☐ Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
☐ Maintain air space around electrical equipment, such as, TV, VCR, stereo, etc.
☐ Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
☐ Extension cords are only for temporary use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker

Hazardous Materials

☐ Limit the amount of chemicals stored
☐ Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
☐ Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels
☐ Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
☐ Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
☐ Gasoline and other fuels are only used as fuels for engines and proper appliances
☐ Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite

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