



Home Safety Survey

Go through each item and check “Yes” or “No”. Checks in the “No” column indicate items that are hazardous to you and your family. These hazards may cause a fire or injury. You are urged to correct these at once for your own safety. If all items have been checked “Yes”, you are to be commended on your safety efforts.

Yes	No	Room	Additional Comments
		EXTERIOR	
		House numbers are visible from the street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Recommendation:</u> 6” best size; numbers are lit and with contrasting color 	
		Dryer vent is free of lint and flap closes when not in use	
		Gas and electric meter accessible, free from snow buildup and bushes	
		GARAGE	
		Flammable liquids stored in safety containers and in a metal cabinet	
		5-lb. ABC fire extinguisher accessible near an exit	
		KITCHEN	
		Monitors food cooking on the stove	
		Stovetop/range area is free from things that can burn – 3-foot rule	
		Childproof safety latches or locks are on cabinets that contain cleaning supplies and medications (if children present)	
		Vent-a-hood over the stove is clean and vented to outside – cleaned once a month	
		5-lb. ABC fire extinguisher accessible near an exit	
		Resident knows how to extinguish a grease fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Recommendation:</u> Keep pan lid nearby when cooking and slide lid over pan if grease fire occurs; turn off heat and allow pan to cool completely 	
		BEDROOMS	
		Residents sleep with door closed	
		Working smoke alarm present in every bedroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Recommendation:</u> Change batteries at least once a year; Replace entire alarm every 10 years; Test alarms monthly 	
		Smoking materials are not used in bedroom (i.e. cigarettes, candles, etc.)	
		Battery-powered, flameless candles used instead of candles with real flames	
		Surge protectors used instead of extension cords	
		BEDROOM HALLWAYS	
		Working smoke alarms are present outside sleeping areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Recommendation:</u> Change batteries at least once a year; Replace entire alarm every 10 years; Test alarms monthly 	

		BATHROOMS	
		Electrical circuits are GFCI protected	
		Bathroom exhaust fan is free of lint and dust; Consider cleaning once a year	
		Only run bathroom exhaust fan for a short period of time to prevent the motor from overheating and causing a fire	
		Avoid using electrical appliances near water sources, such as the shower or sink, to prevent electrocution	
		Use non-slip mats and grab bars in the shower/tub to prevent falls, if residents with mobility issues reside in the home	
		LIVING AND FAMILY ROOM	
		Chimney of wood-burning fireplace is inspected and cleaned at least once a year; gas fireplaces should be maintained per manufacturer's manual	
		BASEMENT	
		Basement door kept closed	
		Stairs are clear of items that could become tripping hazards	
		There are two ways out and clear paths to the exits	
		Windows are large enough for egress	
		LAUNDRY ROOM	
		Dryer vented to exterior and cleaned regularly (including lint trap, interior base of dryer, behind the dryer and interior of the vent from the dryer to the outside)	
		Use a metal dryer vent	
		FURNACE ROOM	
		Electrical circuits are GFCI protected	
		Furnace is inspected annually	
		ALL HOUSEHOLD AREAS	
		Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are present on every level of the home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation:</u> Place digital CO alarm in high traffic area, within 10 feet of bedrooms, away from furnace and fresh air intake; Replace CO alarm every 5 years; change batteries at least once a year 	
		Family member knows CPR and basic first aid supplies are present in the home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation:</u> Check the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross for CPR certification classes in your community; Take a refresher course each year or recertification course as needed; North Metro Fire offers non-certification CPR classes for free on a quarterly basis (classes have been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic) 	
		Radon has been checked in the home	

	<p>Fall prevention measures have been taken, particularly for elderly or mobility impaired residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Recommendation:</u> Exercise to build/maintain strength, check medications for side effects and comply with instructions, ensure good lighting in hallways, have eyes checked, use rugs with non-slip backing, install grab bars in the shower/tub, install handrails on stairs 	
	<p>SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES</p>	
	<p>Heat tape has been inspected by the homeowner or qualified professional</p>	
	<p>ESCAPE PLANNING</p>	
	<p>Family has planned and participated together in a fire escape drill</p>	
	<p>Family has a designated meeting place</p>	
	<p>Kids have identified two ways out of every room in case of a fire</p>	
	<p>Depending on age, kids know how to call 911 and give their address and emergency to the dispatcher</p>	