

SAFE AT HOME CHECKLIST

ALL ROOMS

ELECTRICAL CORDS

- Cords attached to walls with nails or staples?
- Cords located in flow of traffic?
- Run under rugs or carpet?
- Worn or patched with electrical or other tape?
- Carry more load than they were designed for?

RUGS

- Rugs have frayed edges or holes?
- Do not have non-slip pads or taped edges.

PHONES

- Emergency numbers not near phone.
- Difficult to access in case of fall, etc.

OUTLETS/SWITCHES

- Outlets feel warm to touch?
- No cover plates.
- Not enough outlets for area.

SMOKE DETECTORS

- Incorrectly placed or missing.
- Not functional.

CO DETECTORS

- Incorrectly placed or missing.
- Not functional.

LIGHTS

- Sockets missing bulbs.
- Bulbs not correct size.

SPACE HEATERS

- Plugged in without proper adapter or outlet.
- Heater too close to flammable material.

EMERGENCY PLAN

- No plan in place or need printed materials.
- No ladders or other escapes from upper floors.
- No first aid kit.
- No working flashlights.
- No working ABC fire extinguisher.
- House #s not visible from street.

KITCHEN

- Towels, curtains, other items too close to range.
- Outlets near sink not GFI equipped.
- Extension cords near sink.
- Sink, countertops not well lighted.
- No step stool for reaching up high.
- Cook with loose or long sleeves.

BATHTUB/SHOWER

- No non-skid mats or abrasive strips for footing.
- Water temperature > 120 degrees.
- No light switch located near entrance to bathroom.
- No stool or chair for use while towel drying or dressing.
- No stool or chair in tub if unsteady.
- Small appliances (hair dryer, curling iron) plugged in while not in use.
- No grab bars on wall.
- No night light.
- No GFI outlets near sink or tub.

MEDICINE CABINET

- PT. Not compliant with medicine.
- Medicines not in proper containers.
- Old medicines (>1 year) still in cabinet.
- Child resistant closures with elderly or disabled.
- Medicine not clearly marked.

BEDROOM

- No lamp or switches within reach of bed.
- Ashtrays, smoking materials near bedding.
- Heaters, hot plates near bedding.
- Smoking in bed.
- Heating pad left on while sleeping.
- Telephone not within reach of bed.
- Electric blanket tucked in or covered while in use.

STAIRS

- Treads not in good repair.
- No handrail.
- Stairway cluttered.
- Stairway poorly lighted.
- Steps not even in depth or height.
- Rugs or runners in poor shape.
- Treads not non-slip surface.

HALLWAYS/PASSAGEWAYS

- Poorly lighted.
- Cluttered.

BASEMENT/GARAGE/WORKSHOP

- Power tools not equipped with 3 prong plug or marked as double insulated.
- Guards not in place on power tools.
- 3 prong plug not properly bounded (grounding pin not in place or improper adapter).
- Flammable liquids improperly or loosely capped.
- Flammable liquids stored near ignition sources.
- Electric garage doors not equipped with auto reverse.
- Garage floor has cracks, clutter or oil or grease spots.
- Poor lighting over work areas.
- Must walk through dark areas to reach light switches.
- Lawn equipment and tools do not have guards in place or keys remove when not in use.

CHILD SAFETY

- Windows not blocked so child cannot fall out.
- No safety gates at top and bottom of stairways.

- Toy chest not equipped with safe lid or closing mechanism.
- Dangerous storage areas in basement or garage not locked to prevent children from entering.
- Crib mattress not tight fitting (>2 fingers distance between mattress and railing).
- Crib slats >2 3/8 inches apart.
- Outlet covers not in place.
- Drapery and blind cords too long or still looped at end.
- Matches or lighters within children's reach.

GUN SAFETY

- Firearms not kept in locked storage.
- Firearms and ammunition stored together.
- Keys to firearms stored with regularly used keys.
- Ammunition not removed from firearms during storage.
- Firearms not equipped with safety locks.

FIREPLACE/HIMNEY/WOOD BURNER

- No screen or screens not in use.
- Leaves or other debris about chimney opening.
- Chimney not regularly cleaned.
- Wood burner installed by certified person.

SUGGESTIONS:

A volunteer member of Fire Fighters Local 311 has completed a safety inspection at _____
 _____. Certain items have been identified as potential hazards. These are indicated in the marked boxes and suggestions have been made concerning how your residence could be made more safe. Our suggestions, if followed, do not guarantee that accidents or medical emergencies will not happen, but they will reduce the likelihood of their occurrence. If you have any questions regarding this visit, feel free to contact us at (608)257-2030.

Volunteer signature _____

Resident Signature _____
Resident Phone # _____