



Fire Fighters Local 311

SAFE AT HOME

Correction Recommendations



ELECTRICAL CORDS

1. Remove nails or staples.
2. Replace if worn or patched.
3. Move cords in flow of traffic or under carpets or rugs.
4. Upgrade cord if it is carrying more than it is rated for or unplug some appliances supplied by cord. Most standard 18 gauge extension cords can carry 1250 watts.
5. If hard wiring needed contact licensed electrician.

RUGS

1. Replace if frayed or have holes.
2. Install slip resistant backing for rugs.
3. Tape edges of rugs down which are in traffic areas.

PHONES

1. Move so accessible near bed or in case of fall.
2. Provide emergency numbers on or near telephone.

OUTLETS/SWITCHES

1. If warm outlet, turn off power to outlet or turn off breaker.
2. Provide outlet covers and cover plates where missing.
3. Contact licensed electrician if additional outlets needed.

SMOKE DETECTORS

1. Provide smoke detectors if non present.
2. Locate detectors properly, on each floor and by sleeping areas.
3. If detectors are not working, replace batteries.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

1. Provide CO detectors if none are present.
2. Locate at least 15 feet from furnace or heating appliances, and away from humidity sources.

LIGHTS

1. Place bulbs in any sockets without bulbs in place.
2. Provide correct sized bulbs in sockets. Use recommended size on appliance. If any question, use no higher than 60 watts.

SPACE HEATERS

1. Provide adequate outlet or 3-prog adaptor.
2. Move heater away from any flammable materials.
3. Place heaters where they can not be knocked over.

EMERGENCY PLANS

1. Provide plan and educate as to how it is followed out and practiced.
2. Provide ladder or other means of escape from upper floors.
3. Provide first aid kit or materials (Band-aids, Telfa or gauze, tape, cold packs, klings, gloves, Ace wrap, CPR mask).
4. Provide flashlight.
5. Provide fire extinguisher.

KITCHEN

1. Move flammable materials away from stove or hot top.
2. Do not cook using long or flowing sleeves.
3. Provide a step stool for reaching high shelves or storage.
4. Contact licensed electrician to place GFI outlets at dictated distances from sink.
5. Remove extension cords from near sink, contact licensed electrician if more outlets needed.
6. Improve lighting over sink, stove, or work areas by: opening curtains, using higher watt bulbs up to maximum wattage allowed, or contact licensed electrician to install more lights.

BATH/SHOWER

1. Provide non-skid mats or strips for tub footing.
2. Provide stool for dressing and toweling off if unsteady
3. Provide chair or platform for sitting in tub/shower if unsteady.
4. Provide light switch at bathroom entrance.
5. Contact licensed electrician to install GFI outlets at dictated distances from sink and tub.
6. Adjust water temperature to less than 120 degrees at water heater.
7. Provide night light.

MEDICINE CABINET

1. Throw out old medicines (older than one year).
2. If containers have multiple medicines in them, label the container well.
3. Use child resistant closures if children are ever in the home (unless physically unable to use them).

BEDROOM

1. Place lights near bed.
2. Place telephone with emergency numbers near bed.
3. Remove heaters or hot plates near bedding.
4. Uncover electric blankets or untuck if "tucked in".
5. Turn off heating pads while sleeping.
6. Add nightlight to room or place flashlight near bed.
7. Remove all smoking materials near bed.

STAIRS

1. Repair treads or runners if broken or torn.
2. Contact licensed electrician if more lighting needed over stairs.
3. Remove stored items or clutter on steps.
4. Place non-slip tape over steps and on landings.
5. Mark any steps not the same in height as others.
6. Install handrails and have them run entire length of stairs. Repair any broken handrails.

HALLWAYS/PASSAGEWAYS

1. Contact licensed electrician if lighting inadequate.
2. Remove any clutter in hall or passage.

BASEMENT/GARAGE/WORKSHOP

1. Consider replacing power tools not properly grounded, double insulated or equipped with 3 prong plug.
2. Replace guards on power tools if missing.
3. Remove flammable liquids from ignition sources.
4. Never store gas in home!
5. Cover or cap flammable liquids properly.
6. Consider replacing automatic garage door opener which does not have auto reverse.
7. Clean garage floor of oil or grease and patch any cracks or flaking areas. Remove clutter on garage floor.
8. Replace guards on lawn equipment if missing, remove keys when not in use.
9. Contact licensed electrician if inadequate lighting at room entrance or over work areas.

CHILD SAFETY

1. Provide safety gate (no accordion type) at top and bottom of stairways.
2. Lock storage areas for cleaning solutions, firearms and flammable liquids.
3. Provide child proof medicine containers and keep medicines stored out of children's reach.
4. Provide outlet covers.
5. Shorten drapery cords. If looped cut at looped end.
6. Provide crib mattress which fits tightly.
7. Do not use cribs which have slats greater than 2 3/8 inch in width.
8. Remove any smoking materials from children's reach.

GUN SAFETY

1. Lock firearms in own storage container. Store keys to this container separate from other keys.
2. Use gun locks.
3. Keep guns and ammunition stored separately.

FIREPLACE/CHIMNEY/WOODBURNER

1. Provide screen for fireplace if missing.
2. Get chimney cleaned annually.
3. Remove debris from around chimney (exterior).
4. Keep flammable material away from fireplace or woodburner.
5. Confirm woodburner installed by certified technician.