



## **Provo Fire & Rescue**

### **Home Fire & Life Safety Inspection Checklist**

**Inspect your home at least once a year. One of the best ways to prevent fire in the home is to do a home inspection specifically looking for fire hazards or preparing for emergency measures in case of a fire.**

#### **Kitchen**

- Appliances are clean and in good condition such as electrical cords, burner elements, switches, etc.
- All cleaners, matches, lighters, or other dangerous chemicals are stored out of the reach and sight of children.
- A current ABC (for all types of fire) or BC (for grease, flammable liquid and electrical fires), fire extinguisher is mounted in the kitchen. Be familiar with how to use it before you have to use it.
- Use appliances safely by unplugging them when not in use and keeping them away from the sink and stove. Keep cords on top of counter to prevent them from being pulled down by children.
- Do not store materials on or over the stove

#### **Reminder:**

- When cooking, turn pot handles in and away from other burners.
- When cooking, avoid wearing clothes with loose flowing sleeves.
- Wipe up grease, water, and other spilled liquids or food to avoid slip hazards.

#### **Smoke and CO Alarms**

- A smoke alarm is properly mounted in every sleeping room and on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are less than ten years old.
- There is a battery back up in hardwired alarms or a battery-operated smoke alarm nearby.
- Every smoke alarm is tested monthly.

- Every smoke alarm battery has been replaced in the last year. We recommend 10-year 9 volt lithium batteries.
- A CO alarm is properly mounted on every level of the home.

### Living Room/Bedrooms

- Large, deep ashtrays are available for smokers in the home.
- Fireplaces and wood stoves have metal screens or doors to contain sparks and cinders.
- A metal container is used for removal and disposal of hot ashes.
- All portable heating appliances have three feet of clearance from combustibles such as furniture, curtains, and bedding.
- Portable heaters are UL listed.
- Electric blankets should be untucked, unfolded, and uncovered by other bedding.
- Extension cords are covered and free from damage. They should not be used as permanent wiring.
- Keep electrical cords clear of walkways and paths.
- Outlets are not overloaded.
- Light bulbs are proper wattage.
- Electrical outlets covered with a childproof fitting in children's rooms.
- An emergency escape ladder is provided in bedrooms above the ground level.

### **Reminder:**

- Never smoke in bed.

### **Garage**

- All gasoline, other flammable liquids, and hazardous chemicals are stored in approved storage containers.
- Keep oily rags in a closed, metal container.

### **Exterior**

- Address numbers are at least 4" high and clearly visible from the street.
- All open flame cooking appliances such as charcoal grills and barbecues are three feet from the house.

- Security bars on windows have a quick release button.
- Steps are free from clutter and tripping hazards.

### **Utility Room**

- Hot water heaters and furnaces have three feet of clearance from any combustible.
- All flammable liquids and poisonous chemicals have been removed.

### **Bathroom**

- Adjust water heater to a safe temperature of no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Keep appliances such as hair dryers, radios, and electric shavers away from water.

#### **Reminder:**

- Placing non-skid mats or appliqués and well-secured grab bars in bathtubs and showers will lower the risk of slips and falls.
- Clean up spilled water immediately to reduce risk of slipping or falling.

### **General**

- The family has a home escape plan.
- The family has completed an exit drill in the last six months.
- There are 911 stickers attached to every phone.
- All matches and lighters are kept out of the reach and sight of children.
- Never store flammable liquids in basements.

#### **Reminder:**

- Use nightlights for the paths most often traveled at night.
- Use light bulbs that are the appropriate wattage for their fixture.
- Secure throw rugs and runners so that they don't become trip hazards.
- Keep hallways, staircases, and pathways free of obstructions.
- All family members should be familiar with how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches on fire.