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Residential Fire Safety Checklist

Exterior

YES NO N/A

- Address numbers are at least 5" tall and are visible from the street.
- Steps are free from clutter and trip hazards.
- Firewood is stacked at least ten feet away from the side of the house.
- All open flame cooking devices, such as charcoal grills, BBQs are 3 ft. away from the house.
- Are security lights free from animal nesting material.

General

YES NO N/A

- The family has a home escape plan.
- The family completes a fire escape drill at least once per year.
- All family members know how to dial 911 and the poison control center.
- All match and lighters are kept out of reach of children.
- A carbon monoxide detector is mounted near sleeping areas.
- Bedrooms in upper floors have quick access to escape ladders.
- Use night lights for paths most commonly traveled at night.
- Use light bulbs that are the appropriate wattage for their fixtures.
- Secure throw rugs and runners so they don't become trip hazards.
- Don't run power cords underneath rugs.
- Keep hallways and stairs free of clutter.
- Are there cover plates on all electrical switches, outlets and supply panels.
- Are there any holes in the ceiling or walls that could expose combustible wood or allow fire spread into the attic or walls.

Smoke Detectors

YES NO N/A

- A smoke detector is properly mounted outside of each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Smoke detectors are less than ten years old.
- There is a battery back-up in hard wired detectors.
- Test smoke detectors monthly.
- Replace all back-up batteries at least annually.
- Clean smoke detector monthly by using the wand extension on a vacuum cleaner.

Garage/Shed

YES NO N/A

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

Utility

YES NO N/A

- Hot water heaters and furnaces have 3ft. of clearance from any combustible items or objects.
- All flammable liquids and hazardous chemicals have been removed from the room.
- Has your gas furnace been inspected/cleaned.
- Are circuit breakers or fuses in your service panel of proper size/ capacity for the service provided.

Kitchen

YES NO N/A

- Appliances are clean and in good condition (i.e. electrical cords, burner elements, switches, etc.)
- All dangerous chemicals are stored out of reach and sight of children.
- A fire extinguisher is available in or near the room. Extinguisher should be "ABC" rated. Be familiar with how to use it.
- Use appliances safely by unplugging them when not in use. Keep them away from sinks and stoves.
- When cooking, avoid wearing clothing with loose sleeves.
- Wipe up grease, water and other spilled liquids or food to avoid slip hazards.

Bathroom

YES NO N/A

- Adjust hot water heater to a safe temperature- no higher than 120° F.
- Keep appliances such as hair dryers, radios and electric shavers away from water.
- Place non-skid mats or stickers in bathtubs and showers to lower the risk of slips and falls.
- Clean up spilled water to reduce risk of slips.

Living Room/Bedrooms

YES NO N/A

- 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.
- Only clean dry wood used and cleaned regularly
- All portable heating devices have 3ft. of clearance from combustible items and objects.
- Electric blankets should be untucked, unfolded and uncovered by other bedding.
- Extension cords are uncovered and not damaged. They should not be used in place of permanent wires.
- Keep electrical cords clear of walkways and stairs.
- Outlets are not overloaded.
- Are smoking materials or candles extinguished before leaving or going to bed.
- Are bedroom doors closed while family sleeps.