HOME INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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Please use this checklist as a guide to help you ensure your family has a “Life Saving System!”

**SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**

- Install approved smoke alarms on each level of the home
- Smoke alarms are installed on the ceiling per the manufacturer’s instructions
- Test smoke alarms regularly and change batteries at least once a year
- Install an approved Carbon Monoxide detector in your home

**ESCAPE PLAN**

- You have a plan showing two ways out of every room
- You regularly practice your escape plan by holding fire drills
- Windows used for escaping can be opened easily
- Your home address is clearly visible from the street always, even at night
- Practice, Practice, Practice!

**KITCHEN AND COOKING**

- Cooking accounts for the majority of residential fires – NEVER LEAVE COOKING UNATTENDED
- There is a minimum of a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher present in your cooking area
- The oven is never used to heat the home
- Combustibles are not stored near cooking surfaces

**HEATING**

- Baseboard heaters do not touch any furniture or curtains, or other items stored on the floor
- Only U.L. approved portable heaters equipped with tip control devices are used, they are at least three feet from bedding, furniture or other combustible materials, and they are plugged directly into the wall
- Every fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen

**ELECTRICAL/UTILITIES**

- There are no extension cords or multi-plug adapters in use
- Electrical cords used are not tacked to walls, run under rugs, or through doorways
- Replace any missing or broken outlet cover plates or switch plates
- Are there any electrical hazards present? (open boxes, exposed wiring)
- Are the utilities in good working order?

**HOUSEKEEPING**

- Matches and lighters are kept out of reach of children in a secure place
- Flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers and in a cool place
- Is the area around the furnace free of combustible storage? (Maintain 36” clearance)
- Is the area around the electrical panel clear?
- Is there a U.L. approved Carbon Monoxide detector located in the home?
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep
- Keep all candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn

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Home Fire Escape Plan

Have a Plan
Make a plan for every room and every member of your home. The plan should show two (2) ways out of every room, including windows.

Means of Egress
Ensure doors & windows can be opened easily and quickly from the inside by everyone in the household. Make sure to practice opening them.

Have a Meeting Place
Pick a meeting place outside, well away from the building. Do a head count at the meeting place to make sure everyone got out.

Call 911
Call 911 as soon as you are outside safely.

Stay Out
Once you are outside, stay outside.

Tips for a safe escape
- If you see smoke, try another way out. If you cannot avoid the smoke, crawl under it on your hands and knees.
- Do not stop or go back for anything.
- Possessions can be replaced. You cannot.
- Remember fire spreads quickly.
- Get out fast and stay out.
- Call 911 as quickly as possible.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Count your smoke alarms
The Violet Township Fire Department recommends you install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom. Both Ionization & Photo-electric types should be installed per manufacturer’s recommendation.

Check your smoke alarms
Press the test button on smoke alarms each month to make certain they are still working.

Vacuum your smoke alarms
Clean smoke alarms each month of dust and cobwebs to keep them working properly.

Change your batteries
- Change smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, or as soon as the alarm “chirps” warning that the battery is low.
- An easy way to remember is in the spring & fall when clocks are changed each year
- Detectors with ten (10) year sealed batteries are recommended

Change your alarm
Replace smoke alarms once every ten years.

Know the sound
Make sure everyone in the home can hear and recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to react immediately. Assistive devices are available for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A properly operated fire extinguisher can stop a small fire and keep it from growing.
- An ABC, multipurpose dry chemical extinguisher is the recommended type.

Before using, be sure you:
- Call 9-1-1
- Have alerted others to evacuate
- Know fire extinguisher location
- Know how to use the fire extinguisher
- Know how to tell if the fire is safe to fight

Leave YOURSELF An Escape Route

Fire Drill Checklist
- The escape plan has been discussed with the family.
- Start the drill with everyone in their room.
- Start the drill by sounding the smoke alarm.
- It’s important to recognize the sound of the smoke alarm
- Practice using your main escape routes first.
- Do not run.
- Just go quickly & calmly outside to the meeting place.
- The meeting place is located safely away from building.
- Everyone arrives at meeting place in under two minutes.
- Someone pretends to go call 911 for help.

Know what information to give the 911 dispatcher!
- Be sure to speak clearly and calmly
- Location of Emergency
- What is the Emergency
- Phone number you are calling from

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