



Home Safety Checklist

Most accidents can be prevented! Mark each area that needs improvement and use this list to begin reducing the accident potential of your home. The more boxes you don't check the greater chance of an accident occurring. Maybe Tonight! **Don't Delay Prepare Today!**

Outside

- Address numbers need to be clearly visible from the street
- No Grass, weeds, or rubbish near structure
- Keep branches clear from electrical lines
- Have a Spark arrestor on your chimney to prevent hot embers from landing on roof
- No leaves or pine needles on roofs or gutters
- 10 foot clearance from chimney tops to trees or anything close
- Swimming pools and spas fenced, supervised when in use

Garage

- No open containers of paints and flammable solvents
- All gasoline should be stored in safety bin or cans
- Combustible oily rags should be stored in metals cans with lids
- ABC rated fire extinguisher readily accessible
- Pesticides, poisons, and cleaners should be kept out of harms way of children
- Safety equipment, goggles, and gloves, present and in use
- Extension cords unplugged after each use

Laundry / Utility Rooms

- Hot water heaters should be set at 125 degrees to avoid hot water burns
- No flammable materials should be within 3 feet of water heater or furnace
- Dryer should be vented outside and free of lint accumulation
- Dangerous cleaning agents out of children's reach

Kitchen

- All stove and oven pilots should be lit
- Hood fan and broiler pan should be free of grease buildup
- Turn all pan handles inward to prevent accidental burns to self and children
- ABC rated fire extinguisher readily available.

Bathrooms

- Medications and cleaners should be kept out of reach of children
- Infants supervised at all times while taking baths or near toilet bowl

Living Areas / Bedrooms

- ❑ Matches and lighters should be kept out of reach of children
- ❑ Smoke detectors shall be installed in every room and in hallways, batteries should be checked periodically and changed during time changed twice a year
- ❑ Have at least two exits available from every rooms, conduct regular exit drills
- ❑ Iron security bars should be equipped with interior emergency release device
- ❑ No “octopus” outlets and do not overload socket
- ❑ No extension cords under rugs or tacked to the walls
- ❑ Fireplace screen in place. Chimney leaned periodically

Remember! Doing these things in and around your home can greatly reduce the chances of someone from being injured so, **Don't Delay, Prepare Today!**

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