



# Home Fire Safety Survey



## General

- Yes  No Home has smoke alarms on every level.
- Yes  No Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
- Yes  No For larger homes (where the interior floor area on a given level is greater than 1,000 square feet), there is an average of at least 1 smoke alarm for every 500 square feet. [See NFPA 72-2007 11.5.1.3, 29.5.1.3 (2010)]
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. (Best protection)
- Yes  No Home has ionization smoke alarms.
- Yes  No Home has photoelectric smoke alarms.
- Yes  No Home has combination (photoelectric and ionization) smoke alarms.
- Yes  No All smoke alarms are working.
- Yes  No Family has a home fire escape plan.
- Yes  No Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
- Yes  No The home has occupant(s) that require assistance to escape. Occupants discuss escape planning and occupant requirements in case of a fire or emergency escape.
- Yes  No House number is visible from the street.
- Yes  No Windows used for escape open easily — not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.
- Yes  No Security bars, if present, have a quick release-device.
- Yes  No Home has a home fire sprinkler system. (Best protection)
- Yes  No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes  No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
- Yes  No Carbon monoxide alarms are working.

## Throughout the Home

- Yes  No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes  No Large ashtrays are provided outside for smokers.
- Yes  No Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet.
- Yes  No Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Yes  No Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantity.
- Yes  No The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.

## Kitchen

- Yes  No Things that can burn are removed from the stovetop.
- Yes  No Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Yes  No Adult stays in the kitchen when stovetop is in use.

## Living/Family Room

- Yes  No Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Yes  No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.

## Bedrooms

- Yes  No All bedrooms have two ways out — window and a door.

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## Basement

- Yes**  **No** Workshop area is clean of things that can burn.
- Yes**  **No** Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
- Yes**  **No** Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace.
- Yes**  **No** Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually.
- Yes**  **No** Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Yes**  **No** Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

## Garage

- Yes**  **No** There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Yes**  **No** Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Yes**  **No** Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.

## Outside the Home

- Yes**  **No** Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- Yes**  **No** There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
- Yes**  **No** Barbecue grill is only used outdoors.
- Yes**  **No** Swimming pool or hot tub is enclosed by a four-sided fence and locked gate. Filter, heater or hot tub is properly grounded.

## Electrical

- Yes**  **No** AFCIs (arc-fault circuit interrupters) are installed throughout the home and they are working properly (new home construction only).
- Yes**  **No** Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly.
- Yes**  **No** All receptacle and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition.
- Yes**  **No** Receptacles have been tested and are in good working condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes**  **No** Switches are in good condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes**  **No** Lighting fixture canopies are fastened in place and fixture is in good condition.
- Yes**  **No** Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture.
- Yes**  **No** Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- Yes**  **No** If there are young children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.
- Yes**  **No** Panel board and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition — no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage.
- Yes**  **No** Service entrance raceways or cables are fastened in place, grounded, readily accessible and in good condition.

## Stair Safety

**Trips and falls on stairs are a leading cause of home injuries.**

- Yes**  **No** Stair is provided with a handrail(s).
- Yes**  **No** Stair can be illuminated for night time use.
- Yes**  **No** Stair tread depth and riser height are uniform.
- Yes**  **No** Stair landing nosing projections are consistent with other nosings on the stair flight. (You can determine this by doing a “crouch and sight” test. Crouch down at the top landing of the stair. All the nosings from the landing to the bottom step should line up.)

With your consent, the Home Fire Safety Survey Team has done a fire inspection of your home. The items checked “**No**” may put you and your family at risk. You are urged to correct these at once for your own safety. This inspection does not identify future conditions such as failure of components, wiring or human behavior which could result in a fire.



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**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the voluntary performance of a home fire safety inspection of my home located at \_\_\_\_\_, I, on behalf of myself, and all members of family, as well as my heirs, executors, administrators or successors, hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature that I have, or in the future may have, against any and all individual or organizational participants in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program, including but not limited to the \_\_\_\_\_ fire department, the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ and its officers, agents or employees, which claim or cause of action grows out of or results from a fire or other damage, following the said home fire safety inspection; and I further hereby agree to release and hold harmless any and all organizational and individual participants including the aforesaid fire department and municipality in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program from and against all damages of any kind, to persons or property, growing out of or resulting from a fire in my referenced home.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

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Print name	Signature	Date
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Witness (print name)	Signature	Date
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\*This form generally indicates that the occupant or owner of the property agrees to waive his or her rights to sue any individual, any municipality and any other organizations or individuals involved in the fire safety inspection of this home, if a fire occurs after the inspection. The purpose of the waiver is to protect the individual or any of the organizations involved against liability arising from the home fire inspection. This statement is intended for information only, the terms of the waiver themselves shall prevail if there are any questions. You should seek advice if you do not understand this waiver.