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HOME FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Thank you for participating in the Foley Fire Department Home Fire and Life Safety Inspection program. The goal of this program is to make your home safe from fire and injuries. If you believe a hazard exists in your home, please call 251-943-1266 for information on how to correct the hazard.

Kitchen

- Appliances are clean and in good condition, i.e., 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 extinguisher (for class A, B, and C fires) 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.

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 Alarms

- A smoke alarm is properly mounted within each bedroom, outside of each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- There is a battery backup in hardwired alarms or a battery operated smoke alarm nearby.
- Every smoke alarm is tested monthly.
- Every smoke alarm battery has been replaced within the last year. We recommend 10-year, 9 volt lithium batteries.



Living Room/Bedrooms

- 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 3 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 uncovered and free from damage. They should not be used as permanent wiring.
- Keep electrical cords clear of walkways and paths.
- Outlets are not overloaded.

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 inches high and clearly visible from the street.
- Firewood is stacked at least ten feet from the side of the house.
- All open flame cooking appliances such as charcoal grills and barbecues are 3 feet from the house.
- Security bars on windows have a quick release button.
- Steps are free from clutter and tripping hazards.

Utility Room

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



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 appliquéés and well-secured grab bars in bathtubs and shower 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 9-1-1 stickers attached to every phone.
- All matches and lighters are kept out of the reach and sight of children.
- A carbon monoxide alarm is mounted near every sleeping area.

Reminder:

- Use night-lights 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.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact:

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