



Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

Inverness Fire Protection District

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<p>Exterior</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make house number visible from street (both directions)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trim trees away from electrical wires</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters</p>	<p>Cooking</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Never leave cooking unattended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> When barbequing, move unit away from the house</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers</p>
<p>Heating Equipment & Fireplace</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Replace furnace filters once a year</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Clean lint from behind clothes dryer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Install a spark arrester on chimney</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of ashes in metal containers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater</p>	<p>Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Limit the amount of chemicals stored</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly *</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Store hazardous materials away from heat sources</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite</p>
<p>Carbon Monoxide Detectors (CO)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Install CO detectors on every level of your home and near any sleeping area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Test CO detectors once a month</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Replace batteries once a year (use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Replace CO Detectors every 3-7 years (units manufactured since 2009 have a "end of life" chirp every 30-60 seconds)</p>	<p>Smoke Alarms</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Test smoke alarms once a month (use a broom handle to reach & push test button)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year (use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years</p>
<p>Candles & Wax Warmers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Never leave candles or wax warmers unattended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children</p>	<p>Fire Extinguishers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (use P.A.S.S.: <u>P</u>ull the pin, <u>A</u>im, <u>S</u>queeze, <u>S</u>weep)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect extinguishers annually</p>
<p>Electrical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Avoid overloading electrical circuits</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain air space around electrical equipment, such as, TV, computers, etc.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker</p>	<p>Develop & Practice A Home Escape Plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Develop a home escape plan that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawling low under smoke • Two exits out of every room • A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.) <p><input type="checkbox"/> Practice escape plan with every member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Teach all family members how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (state your name, location & type of emergency) • Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire

*For more information on household recycling go to: www.swancc.org