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HOME FIRE HAZARD CHECK LIST

Your room-by room fire hazard check list should include:

Living Room

- Open the flue or damper before starting a fire in your fireplace.
- Keep all flammables at least three feet away from the fireplace.
- Place a sturdy fireplace screen in front of the fireplace.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional at least once a year.
- Keep candles and lamps at least three feet away from your curtains.
- When children are present, use safety caps to cover all unused outlets.
- Use large, deep ashtrays. Never leave a burning cigarette unattended.

Bedroom

- Never use candles in your bedroom.
- Don't run electrical cords under rugs.
- Replace and repair loose or frayed electrical cords.
- Extension cords are for temporary use only.
- Don't staple or nail electrical cords.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never leave heavy objects on the bed when an electrical blanket is in use.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm near bedrooms.

Bathroom

- Don't overload outlets with cords from too many appliances.
- If an outlet or switch feels unusually warm, stop using it and call an electrician.
- Never set hot appliances on flammable materials.
- Unplug all appliances when not in use.
- Make sure cords from appliances are not getting pinched in drawers.
- Keep towels and other flammables at least three feet away from space heaters.

Hallway

- Install ceiling mounted smoke alarms that are at least four inches away from the walls on every level of your home.
- Ensure smoke alarms are UL listed.

- ❑ Wall mounted smoke alarms should be installed four to twelve inches away from the ceiling.
- ❑ Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts.
- ❑ Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- ❑ Vacuum your smoke alarms every six months.
- ❑ Change your smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year. Make sure your smoke alarms are always equipped with batteries.

Kitchen

- ❑ If you have a fire extinguisher, be sure you are properly trained to use it.
- ❑ Make sure the fire extinguisher is for multipurpose use. We recommend a minimum of a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher.
- ❑ Keep the fire extinguisher in a place where it is easy to access.
- ❑ When cooking, never leave anything on the stove, in the oven or under the broiler unattended.
- ❑ Keep the cooking area clear of items that can burn.
- ❑ Maintain a three-foot kid free and pet free zone around the stove.
- ❑ Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing while you are cooking.

Basement

- ❑ Have your heating system serviced once a year before cold weather arrives.
- ❑ Choose a space heater device with an automatic shutoff feature.
- ❑ Make sure your clothes dryer is installed and serviced by a professional.
- ❑ Have a gas-powered dryer inspected by a professional at least once a year to check flexible gas lines for damage and proper connection, and to ensure all piping is free of leaks.
- ❑ Keep areas around heating sources clear of debris.
- ❑ Be sure to clean the lint trap in your dryer before each use and check around the drum for any accumulated lint.
- ❑ Do not store clothing or other combustibles any closer than one foot from the dryer.
- ❑ Do not leave your dryer running when you leave your home.

Outdoors

- ❑ When using your grill, place at least 5 feet away from the house and other combustibles.
- ❑ Develop and practice a home evacuation plan.
- ❑ Each room in the home must have two means of egress.
- ❑ Assign a family member to assist anyone with a mobility issue.
- ❑ Choose a place outside you home for all family members to meet. Get out of the home first and then call the fire department from a neighbor's phone. Once outside the home, NEVER GO BACK INSIDE.

Our Meeting Place Is: