

Macomb Township Fire Department

Fire and Life Safety Tips

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Home Fire and Life Safety Inspection – Part 2



“This year I resolve to start over fresh and new. I will regard my home as a special place for my family and guests. In looking out for the health, safety and happiness of those who live in and visit my home, I will conduct a home fire and life safety inspection to protect these people.”

If this sounds like you, today is your lucky day. Take 30 minutes to go through your home and make sure everything is O.K. If you need help, just ask.

FIRE SAFETY

- | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire drills are practiced at least twice a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All deadbolts can be unlocked from the inside without a key |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Large lid is available to place over a pan in case of a grease fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gasoline is used only as a motor fuel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gasoline is never brought inside a home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Flammable liquids, paints and thinners are kept inside original containers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dryer vents and filters are cleaned after each and every use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Space heaters are kept at least 3 feet from anything that can burn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Class K fire extinguisher installed in or near kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ABC extinguisher in a location to allow safe usage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Everyone knows how and when to use fire extinguishers |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All unused outlets are covered with safety plugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Outlets are not overloaded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unused appliances are unplugged |

LIFE SAFETY

Yes

No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | At least one carbon monoxide detector outside of sleeping area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cleaning supplies and medicines are stored in childproof cabinets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drawstrings on blinds and drapes are separated to reduce strangulation hazards for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stairways are well lit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Light switches are available at the top and bottom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shoes or other items are not stored on stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rugs and carpets are properly secured to prevent tripping hazards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rugs on tile and wood floors have non-slip backings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bath tub has non-slip surface |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have an emergency supply kit (visit www.ready.gov for list of contents) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pools, hot tubs and large bodies of water are surrounded by 5 foot high fencing with self-locking and self-closing gate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A phone is accessible to everyone in the home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lists of emergency phone numbers are kept up-to-date at each phone |

If you've answered "no" and have questions on how to correct the problem, feel free to call at (586) 286-0027.



Another year older – another year wiser.

REFERENCES

Alert-all Corporation, Time to Take the Fire Safety Awareness Test

Fire Corps, Home Safety Checklist

Macomb County Office of Emergency Management, Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook & Guidelines

Macomb Township Fire Department Fire and Life Safety Initiative