

HOME FIRE SAFETY SELF-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

SMOKING HABITS

Yes/No

- Are all matches and lighters kept out of children's reach? _____
- Is "no smoking in bed" a rule of the house? _____
- Is your family aware that ashtrays should never be emptied into waste baskets? _____
- Are there plenty of large, safe ash trays throughout the house? _____
- Do you check for smoldering cigarette butts in the furniture? _____

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- Are appliances checked periodically for good operating condition? _____
- Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails? _____
- When using extension cords for appliances, does the gauge of both cords match in size? _____

HOUSEKEEPING

- Do you keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages and yards? _____
- Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers? _____
- Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children? _____
- Have you made it a rule to never use flammable liquids for cleaning clothes or starting fires? _____
- Are oily rags kept in a tightly sealed container? _____
- Have all dried grass cuttings, tree trimmings and weeds been removed from your property? _____

HEATING AND COOKING

- If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it? _____
- Is the filter for your forced air heater changed yearly and the venting cleaned? _____
- Are furnaces and wood burning stoves in good repair and located away from combustible walls and ceilings? _____
- Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked periodically? _____
- Do you make sure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater or fireplace? _____
- Do your children keep a safe distance from flame and heat sources? _____

SMOKE DETECTORS

- Have you installed a smoke detector inside every sleeping area and on each floor? _____
- Do you test your smoke detector(s) every month? _____

FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Does your family have a fire escape plan prepared? _____
- Is your escape plan posted and regularly practiced? _____
- Does each bedroom have **two** exits? _____
- Do all family members know how to dial 911 for fire, police or medical emergencies? _____
- Do you show your babysitter the escape routes from your home and review 911 with her/him? _____
- Does your family (and babysitter) know the first rule in fire emergencies: get everyone out fast and **don't** go back inside? _____

**Every "NO" checked on this list shows where your family's safety precautions fall short.
Take action – family action NOW!**