

Sample Home Safety Checklist

Scout's Name: _____

Stoves, Furnaces, and Heaters

- ☐ Stoves are away from curtains.
- ☐ Stoves & furnace pipes and flues are inspected & cleaned annually.
- ☐ Gas burners are properly adjusted and free from leaks.
- ☐ Gas water and space heaters are equipped with vents or flues.
- ☐ Water heater or boiler has a safety valve & is checked yearly.
- ☐ Water heater temperature is set below 120 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce the risk of serious burns.
- ☐ Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts.
- ☐ Insulating shield protects woodwork within 18" of furnace, etc.
- ☐ Keep flammable materials away from stoves, furnaces, etc.
- ☐ A wrench is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line.
- ☐ The flue is opened before using the fireplace.

Porch, Yard, and Garage

- ☐ Railings and banisters are sound and inspected periodically.
- ☐ Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow.
- ☐ Yard/play space are free from holes, stones, glass, etc.
- ☐ Tools and dangerous articles are out of reach of children.
- ☐ Dangerous products & chemicals are kept in original containers in locked storage areas.
- ☐ Wires and low fences are brightly painted or clearly marked.
- ☐ Wells, cisterns, and pits are kept securely covered.
- ☐ Disposable materials are not burned outside.
- ☐ An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons, etc.
- ☐ Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards.

Workshop

- ☐ Good ventilation exists, especially when sanding or painting.
- ☐ Safety goggles or face mask, and hearing protection are worn when working with or around power tools, and an appropriate eyewash is available.
- ☐ Baking soda is kept handy to neutralize acid burns.
- ☐ All electrical tools are either grounded with three-wire plugs or are double-insulated.
- ☐ Work area is well lit & free of clutter, scraps, rags.
- ☐ All tools have a place & are in their place.
- ☐ Guards are in place on all power tools.
- ☐ A push stick is available for use with power saws.
- ☐ Tools are unplugged when not in use and before changing blades, servicing or repairing.

Electrical Devices and Fixtures

- ☐ Electrical fixtures and appliances are located & used beyond arm's length of the sink, stove, tub, shower, or other grounded metal unless outlet is protected by a ground-fault interrupter.
- ☐ Do not touch electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands.

- ☐ Disconnect seldom-used appliances when not in use.
- ☐ Household appliances are disconnected before repairs.
- ☐ Light bulbs are installed in all lamp sockets.
- ☐ All pull-type sockets have an insulating link.
- ☐ Frayed or worn electric cords are promptly replaced.
- ☐ Long trailing cords are not in evidence.
- ☐ Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors, and furniture.
- ☐ UA-approved extension cords are the proper size.
- ☐ Children are taught never to touch electric sockets or fixtures.
- ☐ Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed.
- ☐ Circuit breakers are labeled and not overloaded.

General

- ☐ Home has smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors, with at least one smoke detector in each bedroom, near the kitchen, and in the basement & garage.
- ☐ Everything has a place and is in its place.
- ☐ Stepladders are in good repair and stored out of the way.
- ☐ Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened.
- ☐ Guns are stored unloaded and in locked cases.
- ☐ Guns and ammunition are stored separately.
- ☐ Children are permitted to use only blunt-end scissors.
- ☐ Housework clothing has no drooping sleeves, sashes, or frills.
- ☐ Shoes worn for housework have low heels.
- ☐ All shoes are in good repair.
- ☐ Kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners, and other volatile materials are stored outside in special, clearly marked metal containers.
- ☐ Oil mops, dust rags, painting equipment, and other oily materials are stored outside in open metal containers.
- ☐ Everyone turns on a light before entering a dark room.
- ☐ Matches are extinguished before they're thrown away.
- ☐ Children are never permitted to play with matches.
- ☐ Fire extinguishers are readily available and in good working order.

For Emergency

- ☐ Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.).
- ☐ Be able to find water, gas, & electric shutoffs. Check annually.
- ☐ First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross.
- ☐ Know basic first aid procedures.
- ☐ Have a fire escape plan from your home.
- ☐ Emergency water supply.
- ☐ Handheld flashlights readily available.
- ☐ In earthquake-prone areas, make sure that the water heater and bookcases are bolted to the walls.

Home Safety Checklist Addendum

For any items that were not found to be satisfactory, please write what the issue was and the corrective action you and your family took to fix the item. Any areas listed that your house does not have, please write N/A next to it on the Home Safety Checklist.

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