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Home Safety Inspection Checklist

A fire can occur in any part of your home. Use this checklist to make a safety check of your home.
Contact the Hartford Fire Department for a new copy.

SMOKING HABITS

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all matches and lighters kept out of reach of children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is "NO SMOKING IN BED" a rule of the house? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your family aware the ash trays should never be emptied into waste baskets? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there plenty of large, safe ash trays throughout the house? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you check for smoldering cigarette butts in the furniture? |

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are appliances checked periodically for good operating conditions? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | When using extension cords for appliances, does the gauge of both cords match? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are electrical outlets overloaded? |

HOUSEKEEPING

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages and yards? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away heat and children? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have it a rule that you NEVER use flammable liquids for cleaning cloths or start fires? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your cloths dryer vent clean and properly installed? |

HEATING AND COOKING

YES NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the filter for your forced air heater changed yearly and the venting cleaned? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are furnaces and wood burning stoves in good repair and located away from combustibles walls and ceilings? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a fire place chimney cleaned and checked periodically? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you make sure combustibles are not stored near stoves, heaters, or the fireplace? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do your children keep a safe distance from flame and heat sources? |

SMOKE ALARMS

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you installed a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area or in every bedroom on each floor? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you test you smoke alarm(s) every month? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you replace the battery of your battery operated alarm(s) every 6 months? |

FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- | YES | NO | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family have a fire escape plan prepared? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your escape plan posted and regularly practiced? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does each bedroom have two exits? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a meeting place so you will know everyone is outside and safe? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are emergency numbers posted on all telephones? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your address on or near your telephone? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all family members know how to dial 9-1-1 for fire, police, or medical emergencies? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you show your baby sitter/guest your home escape routes and review 9-1-1 with them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family (babysitter) know the first rule in fire emergencies:
GET EVERYONE OUT FAST AND DON'T GO BACK INSIDE? |

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a UL or FM approved fire extinguisher in your home? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you take it out two times a year and shack it to keep the powder from packing? |

OUTSIDE

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have all dried grass cuttings, tree trimmings and weeds been removed from your property? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Can you see your house numbers from the street? |

If you answered NO on any items above and have any questions please fill free to contact the Hartford Fire Department to address any of the concerns. Thank you for being a safe member of the community.