



Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

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<p>Exterior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make house number visible from street (both directions) <input type="checkbox"/> Trim trees away from electrical wires <input type="checkbox"/> Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters 	<p>Cooking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Never leave cooking unattended <input type="checkbox"/> Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries <input type="checkbox"/> Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove <input type="checkbox"/> When barbequing, move unit away from the house <input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers
<p>Heating Equipment & Fireplace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles <input type="checkbox"/> Replace furnace filters once a year <input type="checkbox"/> Clean lint from behind clothes dryer <input type="checkbox"/> Install a spark screen in front of the fireplace <input type="checkbox"/> Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually <input type="checkbox"/> Install a spark arrester on chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of ashes in metal containers <input type="checkbox"/> Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater 	<p>Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Limit the amount of chemicals stored <input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly * <input type="checkbox"/> Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels <input type="checkbox"/> Store hazardous materials away from heat sources <input type="checkbox"/> Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials <input type="checkbox"/> Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite
<p>Carbon Monoxide Detectors (CO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Install CO detectors on every level of your home and near any sleeping area <input type="checkbox"/> Test CO detectors once a month <input type="checkbox"/> Replace batteries once a year (use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder) <input type="checkbox"/> Replace CO Detectors every 3-7 years (units manufactured since 2009 have a "end of life" chirp every 30-60 seconds) 	<p>Smoke Alarms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home <input type="checkbox"/> Test smoke alarms once a month (use a broom handle to reach & push test button) <input type="checkbox"/> Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year (use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder) <input type="checkbox"/> Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years
<p>Candles & Wax Warmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Never leave candles or wax warmers unattended <input type="checkbox"/> Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders <input type="checkbox"/> Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children 	<p>Fire Extinguishers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher <input type="checkbox"/> Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (use P.A.S.S.: <u>P</u>ull the pin, <u>A</u>im, <u>S</u>queeze, <u>S</u>weep) <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect extinguishers annually
<p>Electrical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid overloading electrical circuits <input type="checkbox"/> Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage <input type="checkbox"/> Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain air space around electrical equipment, such as, TV, computers, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords <input type="checkbox"/> If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker 	<p>Develop & Practice A Home Escape Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a home escape plan that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawling low under smoke • Two exits out of every room • A meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Practice escape plan with every member <input type="checkbox"/> Teach all family members how to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (state your name, location & type of emergency) • Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire

*For more information on household recycling go to: www.swancc.org