

Safety Checklist

HOME FIRE SAFETY

- Plan two escape routes out of each room.
- Practice fire drills twice a year.
- Remember to stay low to the ground when escaping from a fire.
- Never to open doors that are hot. In a fire, feel the bottom of the door with the palm of your hand. If it is hot, do not open the door. Find another way out.
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. Clean and test them at least once a month. Change batteries at least once a year.
- Keep a whistle in each bedroom to awaken household in case of fire.
- Check electrical outlets. Do not overload outlets.
- Empty dryer lint trap after each use.
- Purchase and learn how to use a fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type).
- Have a collapsible ladder on each upper floor of your house.
- Consider installing home sprinklers.

HOME HAZARD PREVENTION

There are ordinary items in the home that can cause injury and damage. Anything that can move, fall, break or cause a fire is a potential hazard. Store cleaners & solvents as directed.

- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections.
- Fasten shelves securely and brace overhead light fixtures.
- Place large, heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Hang pictures and mirrors away from beds.
- Strap water heater to wall studs.
- Repair cracks in ceilings or foundations.
- Store weed killers, pesticides and flammable products away from heat sources.
- Place oily polishing rags or waste in covered metal cans.
- Clean and repair chimneys, flue pipes, vent connectors and gas vents.
- Keep dryer exhaust vents clear of snow in winter.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Test them monthly. Change batteries at least once a year. Replace every 5-6 years.