



MEETING NEIGHBORS AND SAVING LIVES HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

A residential fire occurs every hour in the State of Missouri, and every 3 hours in St. Louis, which equates to approximately 8 per day. To determine the safety level of your home, review these questions with the fire department and your family. Every “yes” answer is a positive fire safety situation. However, every “no” answer points to a fire hazard that needs to be corrected.

GENERAL

	YES	NO	N/A
Are the address numbers on the house visible from the street?	_____	_____	_____
Do you know how and when to use 911?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have an extinguisher in your kitchen?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have a fire escape plan?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have a smoke alarm installed on every level of your home?	_____	_____	_____
Do you test your smoke alarms monthly?	_____	_____	_____
Do you change the batteries twice per year?	_____	_____	_____
Have you replaced smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have a working carbon monoxide alarm?	_____	_____	_____

SMOKING HAZARDS

Do you keep matches and lighters away from heat sources?	_____	_____	_____
Do you make sure matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them?	_____	_____	_____
Do you keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children?	_____	_____	_____
Do you use large, noncombustible ash trays?	_____	_____	_____
Is “No Smoking in Bed” a rule in your home?	_____	_____	_____

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

Are there any overloaded electrical outlets?	_____	_____	_____
Are all the electrical cords in good condition?	_____	_____	_____
Are all extension cords of the right size, and for temporary use?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have GFCI Outlets near damp areas (kitchen & bathroom)?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have adequate circuit breakers/fuses for your home?	_____	_____	_____

COOKING HAZARDS

Is your stove, including the oven and broiler kept clean?	_____	_____	_____
Is cooking oil kept away from the stovetop?	_____	_____	_____
Are small appliances unplugged?	_____	_____	_____
Are towel & pot holders kept away from open flame?	_____	_____	_____
Is someone always in the kitchen while food is being cooked?	_____	_____	_____

HEATING HAZARDS

YES

NO

N/A

Do you have your heating system serviced annually?	_____	_____	_____
Are all vent connectors and flue pipes properly installed?	_____	_____	_____
Do all your portable heaters have UL certification?	_____	_____	_____
Are combustibles kept at least 3 feet away from heaters?	_____	_____	_____
Has your wood burning stove been installed properly?	_____	_____	_____
Do you burn seasoned hardwood, and is it properly stored?	_____	_____	_____
Do you have your chimney cleaned annually?	_____	_____	_____
Does your fireplace have a sturdy metal fire screen?	_____	_____	_____
Do you use your kerosene heater in well ventilated spaces?	_____	_____	_____
Do you refill the fuel tank of your kerosene heater outdoors?	_____	_____	_____
Do you make sure that your kerosene is water clear before using it?	_____	_____	_____

HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS

Do you clean the lint filter after using your dryer?	_____	_____	_____
Do you vacuum or dust your smoke alarm?	_____	_____	_____
Do you keep your hallways free of clutter?	_____	_____	_____
Do you keep your yard cleaned of debris and leaves?	_____	_____	_____

FOR PARENTS

Do you extinguish candles when you leave an area?	_____	_____	_____
Do you leave a responsible person with your children when you go out?	_____	_____	_____
Do you instruct babysitters on what to do in case of a fire?	_____	_____	_____
Do your children know their address?	_____	_____	_____
Do your children know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?	_____	_____	_____
Do your children know how to use 911?	_____	_____	_____

This Fire Safety Survey was completed by: _____

Survey Date: _____ Date copy of survey was sent to the owner: _____

Owner's name: _____

Address: _____ zip code: _____

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