

# Home Safety Check

This worksheet will help you go through your home and look for things that might cause a problem. If you answer no to any question it may be a hazard. Correct the hazard to make your home an even safer place to live. Let's walk through your home and see . . .



## Did You Know?

- ◆ Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death and disability among children ages 14 and under in the United States. Many of these injuries occur in the home.
- ◆ **Every day** nearly 39,000 children are injured seriously enough to require medical treatment.
- ◆ Among children ages 1 to 4, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death, followed by motor vehicle occupant injury, pedestrian injury, fire and burns, and choking.
- ◆ Among children under age 1, suffocation is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death, followed by motor vehicle occupant injury, choking, drowning, and fire and burns.
- ◆ Among children ages 5 to 9, motor vehicle occupant injury is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death, followed by drowning, pedestrian injury, bicycle injury, and fire and burns.
- ◆ It is estimated that as many as 90 percent of unintentional injuries can be prevented.



## Kitchen

Are curtains, papers, wrappers, and other combustibles kept away from the stove to keep them from igniting?

Do you know to wear tight fitting clothes near the stove so long flowing sleeves don't catch on fire?

Are young children kept from the cooking area?

Are appliance cords kept up high out of the reach of children so the appliance can not be pulled down upon them?



Are pot handles turned inward while cooking and back burners used first to avoid burns?

Do you know to put a lid on a grease fire, never water? Baking soda or a fire extinguisher will work, too. (But never water, salt, baking powder, or flour.)

Yes	No



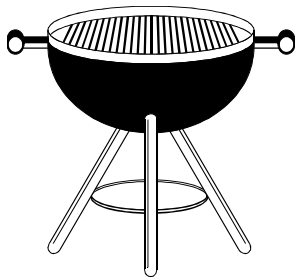
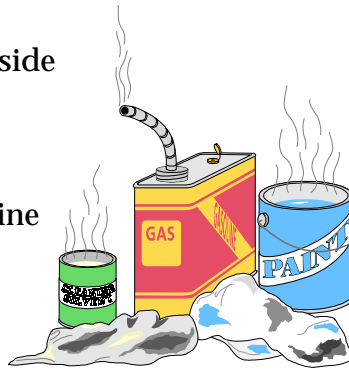


## Outside/Garage/Basement

Is gasoline kept in an approved container outside (locked up) of the home?

When your family refuels the lawn mower or other gasoline engine do you wait for the engine to cool so the heat from the mower doesn't ignite the vapors?

Do you refuel the lawn mower and other appliances outside?



Do you know to never use gasoline as a cleaner as the invisible vapors can ignite several feet away from a heat source?

Is the BBQ grill only used outside (produces carbon monoxide gas) and kept away from items that could burn (piles of leaves, papers etc.)?

Do you throw away oil soaked rags and brushes after use?

Does your family know to stay away from overhead power lines and to call utilities before you dig?

Are your house numbers clearly posted in large numbers (at least 4 — 6 inches tall) that are easy to read from 150 feet away?

Yes

No

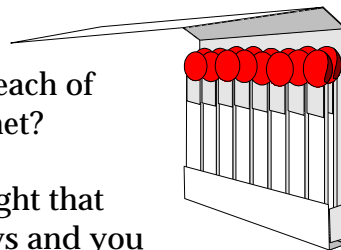



## Matches/Lighters

Are all matches/lighters kept out of the reach of young children, up high in a locked cabinet?

Do you know that children should be taught that matches and lighters are tools and not toys and you should never give either to a child to entertain themselves?

Before going to bed, do you check furniture in the room for discarded cigarettes?



Do smokers use large, deep ashtrays and empty ashes into a metal container?

Do you know you should never smoke in bed?

Yes

No


 **Bathroom**

Is your water heater set below 120 degrees Fahrenheit (low enough to not cause burns — most dishwashers have a heating element)?

Are all medicines, vitamins, and poisons locked up and out of the reach of young children?

Do you keep all appliances (hair dryers, curling irons, etc.) away from water to avoid electrocution?

Before placing a child in the bath do you test the bath water to make sure it's not too hot?

Do you know children can drown in one inch of water in seconds and should never, ever be left alone in the bathtub?



Yes	No

 **All Rooms**

Are your smoke alarms tested and cleaned (vacuumed out) regularly — at least once a month?

Do you change batteries in smoke alarms twice a year?

If you have electric smoke alarms, do you also have battery powered alarms in case of power loss?

Do you have an emergency plan for fires and tornadoes?

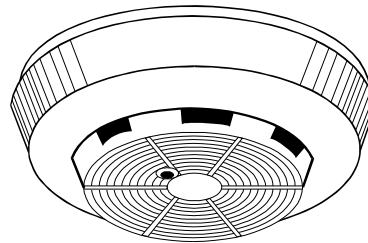
Do you practice fire drills with all members of your family?

Do you have two ways out of each living area?

Do you know where to go in case of a tornado and practice tornado drills with all members of your family?

Do you have an emergency preparedness kit assembled in case of emergency?

Are emergency numbers (fire, police, ambulance, poison control center) posted by each phone as a memory jogger?



Yes	No