



San Marino Fire Department

Operation Fire Safe

Home Survey Checklist



Use this checklist to correct hazards in your home. If you need help, ask the firefighters when they come out for your home survey.

Matches

Yes No

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| Are matches kept where young children can not get hold of them? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all matches kept away from sources of heat such as stoves and heaters? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is "No smoking in bed!" a rule of the house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is a responsible person left with the children when the parents go out, even for a little while? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are baby-sitters instructed carefully on what to do in case of a fire? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Smoke Detectors

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| Are the smoke detectors in your home installed properly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are smoke detectors located in all sleeping areas of your home and on every level? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all smoke detectors tested at least once a month? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| When the smoke detector sounds, does everyone know to get out of the house immediately? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If a smoke detector fails to operate when tested, is it fixed immediately? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you change the batteries in your smoke alarms at least once a year, such as on a birthday or holiday, or when you set your clocks forward in spring for daylight savings time, or back in the fall for return to standard time? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Electrical Hazards

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| Are there enough electrical outlets in each room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are there special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as stoves, air conditioners, and clothes dryers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On the household lighting circuit, are the proper fuses or circuit-breakers used? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all extension cords in the open – not run under rugs, over hooks, or through partitions or door openings? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all electrical cords in good condition, not frayed or cracked? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Storage and Flammable Liquids

Yes No

Are your basement, closets, and attic kept free of rubbish, oily rags, flammable liquids, large stacks of paper, etc., and is necessary storage kept in orderly fashion?

If you store paint, varnish, or other flammable liquids, are the containers metal, tightly closed, and kept in a metal cabinet in the garage?

If your garage is attached to the house or in the basement, is it separated from the living area by cutoff walls with a tight-fitting door?

Heating and Cooking

If your heating system is gas, is it regularly checked and serviced?

Are all chimneys, gas and smoke pipes, and other flue connections inspected each Fall and cleaned and repaired as necessary?

Is the kitchen stove, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?

Are curtains arranged so as not to blow over stoves and heaters?

Are all portable and space heaters set level and out of the way of traffic?

Is every indoor fireplace equipped with a sturdy metal fire screen?

Are the shutoff valves for gas appliances located on the rigid metal gas pipeline where they can be reached in case of trouble – and not on the appliance?

Yard Hazards

Do you keep your yard cleared of leaves, debris, and combustible rubbish?

Are charcoal grills used only outdoors and lighted without the use of liquid fuels?

Holiday Hazards

In buying gift toys, do you insist on those that can't cause fire, shock, or explosion?

Is your Christmas tree kept in water and thrown out when the needles begin to fall?

Is all decorative lighting checked for frayed and loose sockets?