



## HOME FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Thank you for participating in the Golden Fire Department Home Fire and Life Safety Inspection program. The goal of this program is to make your home safe from fire and injuries. There is a check list for you to do a self inspection of your home. Each inspection category also has safety reminders. If you have any questions following the inspection, please call GFD at 303-384-8094.

### Kitchen

- ✓ Appliances are clean and in good condition, i.e., electrical cords, burner elements, switches, stove hood filters free of grease etc.
- ✓ All cleaners, matches, lighters, or other dangerous chemicals are stored out of reach and sight of children.
- ✓ A current ABC (for all types of fire) or BC (for grease, flammable liquid and electrical fires), fire extinguisher is mounted in the kitchen. Be familiar with how to use it before you have to use it.
- ✓ Use appliances safely by unplugging them when not in use and keeping them away from the sink and stove.

### Reminders:

- When cooking, turn pot handles in and away from other burners.
- If a pan on the stove catches on fire, put a lid on it and turn off the burner.
- When cooking, avoid wearing clothes with loose flowing sleeves.
- Wipe up grease, water and other spilled liquids or food to avoid slip hazards.
- Never leave cooking unattended.

### Smoke Alarms

- ✓ A smoke alarm is properly mounted and working outside of each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- ✓ Smoke alarms are less than ten years old. (If older replacement recommended)
- ✓ There is a battery back up in hardwired alarms or a battery operated smoke alarm near by.
- ✓ Every smoke alarm is tested monthly.
- ✓ Every smoke alarm battery has been replaced in the last year.

### Reminders:

- For the best level of protection, a smoke detector should be installed in every bedroom.
- The Golden Fire Department also recommends installing at least one Carbon Monoxide Detector in your home.

## **Living Room/Bedrooms**

- ✓ Large, deep ashtrays are available for smokers in the home.
- ✓ Fireplaces and wood stoves have metal screens or doors to contain sparks and cinders.
- ✓ A metal container is used for removal and disposal of hot ashes
- ✓ Chimneys are inspected and cleaned as needed
- ✓ All portable heating appliances have three feet of clearance from combustibles such as furniture, curtains, and bedding.
- ✓ Portable heaters are UL listed.
- ✓ Electric blankets should be untucked, unfolded, and uncovered by other bedding.
- ✓ Extension cords are uncovered and free from damage. They should not be used as permanent wiring.
- ✓ Outlets are not overloaded.
- ✓ Escape windows operate.
- ✓ Basement bedroom windows are big enough for escape.

### **Reminders:**

- Bedroom doors should be closed at night.
- Oxygen and smoking don't mix
- Nightlights in exit ways are advisable
- Never smoke in bed

## **Bathroom**

- ✓ Adjust water heater to a safe temperature of no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ✓ Keep appliances such as hair dryers, radios, and electric shavers away from water.
- ✓ Test ground fault breakers.

### **Reminders:**

- Think about installing GFI if you don't have them.
- Placing non-skid mats or appliqués and well-secured grab bars in bathtubs and shower will lower the risk of slips and falls.
- Recommend using a bathtub thermometer for bathing babies.
- Never leave a child unattended in the bathtub.

## **Utility Room**

- ✓ Hot water heaters and furnaces have three feet of clearance from any combustible.
- ✓ All flammable liquids and poisonous chemicals have been removed.
- ✓ Dryer and area around dryer are lint and debris free.

## **Garage/Shed**

- ✓ All gasoline, other flammable liquids, and hazardous chemicals are stored in approved storage containers and out of reach of children.
- ✓ Keep oily rags in a closed metal container.
- ✓ If electrical panel is in the garage, is it accessible?

### **Recommend:**

- ABC extinguisher should be kept in garage.
- Keep garage door open when a vehicle is running.

## Exterior

- ✓ Address numbers are clearly visible from the street.
- ✓ Firewood is stacked at least ten feet from the side of the house.
- ✓ All open flame cooking appliances such as charcoal grills and barbecues are three feet from the house and overhangs.
- ✓ Metal receptacle is available for ashes.
- ✓ Security bars on windows have a quick release button inside.
- ✓ Keep trees and shrubs trimmed away from windows.
- ✓ Combustibles and flammables cleaned up, weeds trimmed.
- ✓ Electric panel and gas shut off are accessible.

### Reminders:

- If you live in the wildland or hillside area, create a fire safe zone around your home.

## General

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- The family has a home escape plan—in an emergency seconds count.
- The family has completed an exit drill in the last six months.
- All matches and lighters are kept out of the reach and sight of children.
- Upper floors have home escape ladders in the bedroom & know how to use them.
- If there are extinguishers, the family knows how to use them and check them monthly

### Reminders:

- Candles and Incense should never be left unattended and should be kept clear of flammables.
- Use light bulbs that are the appropriate wattage for their fixture.
- Secure throw rugs and runners so they don't become trip hazards.
- Keep hallways, staircases, and pathways free of obstruction.
- All family members should be familiar with how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches on fire.
- All family members should know how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Many children are interested in fire. If you have concerns about your child, or have caught them playing with matches or lighters please call 303-384-8094 so we can assist you with an educational program.