

Macomb Township Fire Department

Fire and Life Safety Tips

December 2009

Home Fire Prevention Inspection – Part 1



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Give your family the best of gifts this holiday season – do a home fire prevention inspection. A holiday fire can ruin holiday traditions now and leave lingering memories to haunt seasons to come. Take 30 minutes to go through your home and make sure holiday fun will be safe holiday fun. As a gift to you, we are more than willing to help you perform a home fire prevention inspection in your home – just ask.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Yes

No

Installed properly on every level

At least one outside of your sleeping area

At least one in every sleeping room

All smoke alarms tested within the last month

All batteries changed within last 12 months

FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

Yes

No

Everyone knows two unobstructed exits from every room

Pre-designated meeting area outside of the home

Escape plan has been practiced

Everyone sleeps with their door closed

A fire extinguisher is available – everyone knows how to use it

CANDLES AND DECORATIONS

Yes

No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Candles are placed in sturdy holders and never left unattended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Candles are never put on a tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Children strictly adhere to the "Keep Back 3 Feet" rule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Candles are kept at least 3 feet from anything that can burn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Electrical outlets are not overloaded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Extension cords are not placed under rugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Damaged cords, plugs and outlets are replaced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Decorative lights are strictly used according to the manufacturer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Live trees are kept full of water at all times |

HEATING EQUIPMENT

Yes

No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Furnaces, fireplaces, gas and wood stoves are inspected annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Space heaters are kept at least 3 feet from anything that can burn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water temperature is set no higher than 100 degrees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Chimneys are cleaned at least every year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wrapping paper is never burned in a fireplace |

BEFORE GOING TO BED

Yes

No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Furniture is checked for smoldering cigarettes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Assure the fireplace or woodstove is completely out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dispose of fireplace and cigarette ashes in a metal can |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Decorative lights are not left on |

If you've answered "no" and have questions on how to correct the problem, feel free to call at (586) 286-0027.



Have a Blessed Holiday Season!

REFERENCES

Alert-all Corporation, Time to Take the Fire Safety Awareness Test

Fire Corps, Home Safety Checklist

Macomb County Office of Emergency Management, Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook & Guidelines

Macomb Township Fire Department Fire and Life Safety Initiative