

Home Safety Check List

Centerville Fire Department



Heating

- Baseboard heaters do not touch any furniture or curtains, or other items stored on the floor.
- You have your chimneys and heating systems inspected, cleaned and repaired prior to the heating season.
- All portable heaters are placed at least three feet from bedding, furniture, and other flammable materials. They are plugged directly in the wall, not into an extension cord.
- Portable heaters are turned off when you leave the room or before going to bed.
- Every fireplace is equipped with a sturdy metal screen.

Electrical

- You use as few extension cords and plug adapters as possible.
- Extension cords used are not tacked to walls, run under rugs, or through doorways.
- Small appliances, like the toaster, are unplugged when not in use.

Housekeeping

- Matches and lighters are kept out of the reach of children in a secure place.
- Paint, varnish, and other flammables are stored in sturdy metal containers and in a cool place.
- Ashes from fireplaces and barbecues are only disposed of in metal containers.
- Candles are only lit when someone is able to keep an eye on them, and when placed in sturdy holders away from things that can burn.

Kitchen

- In the event of a grease fire, you know that the best thing to do is to put a lid on it.
- Cooking is never left unattended.
- The oven is never used to heat the home.

Smoking

- House rules include not smoking in bed or while lying down.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are installed on a ceiling or high on the wall outside of the bedrooms on each level of the home and in every bedroom.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed once a year.
- Smoke alarms are tested and vacuumed regularly.

Escape Plan

- You have a plan of escape showing two ways out of every room in your home, especially bedrooms.
- You regularly practice your escape plan by holding fire drills in your home.
- Windows used for escaping can be opened easily.
- Your house numbers are clearly visible from the street.