

# Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist



## HEATING HAZARDS:

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Combustibles like clothes, curtains and furniture are away from stoves and heaters | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Heating appliances are tested every year   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There is a screen in front of the fireplace  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Ashes are emptied into covered metal containers                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. All alternative heating devices used are UL listed                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## ELECTRICAL HAZARDS:

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| 1. Electric cords are checked to be sure they are not worn, frayed, or damaged | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Extension cords are not run under rugs or across passageways                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Proper size fuses are used in all sockets                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Each circuit is properly marked   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Electrical outlets are not over-loaded by multiple plug devices             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Electrical appliances are not used near water                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS:

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Closets, basements, attics and garage areas are cleared of old papers, boxes, paint cans and other trash   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Rubbish is thrown away regularly   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Everyone in the family knows <b>NOT</b> to use a flammable liquid for cleaning (gasoline, mineral spirits, etc)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Flammable liquids and oily rags are disposed of after use or stored in a tightly closed metal container  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. All combustibles are stored a safe distance away from any possible heat source (furnace, hot water heater)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Clean the lint tray on your clothes dryer after use and don't forget to clean the lint inside the air exhaust hose attached to the back of your dryer (every 6 months) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## SMOKING HAZARDS:

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Matches and lighters are kept out of reach of children   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Smokers use ashtrays that are large, deep and won't burn | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <b>NEVER</b> smoke in bed                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**KITCHEN HAZARDS:**

- |  | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The kitchen is kept clean all the time  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The stove and oven are in good working condition                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The stove area is kept clean and free of grease                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Ignitable materials (like towels and potholders) are kept away from open flames | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <b>NEVER</b> leave cooking food unattended on the stove                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**GENERAL FIRE SAFETY:**

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| 1. The house address is clearly posted in large numbers that are easy to read from the street                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. There is a working smoke alarm near the sleeping areas  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There is a smoke alarm on every level   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. The smoke alarms are cleaned regularly with a vacuum cleaner and tested once a month                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Smoke alarms are newer than ten (10) years old  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Make sure that all family members know the emergency number for fire and rescue – <b>911</b>                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. You have portable fire extinguishers suitable for in-home use (multi-purpose extinguishers are recommended) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Everyone in the family knows how to use the fire extinguishers properly                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Develop a family escape plan and practice it - 2 ways out of each room                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Teach children the techniques of stop, drop and roll   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This inspection form is designed to help you check your home for fire hazards. Print it and take it along with you as you do your own inspection. All the questions are worded so “YES” means the area is safe. A “NO” answer means a fire hazard exists and needs to be corrected.

If you have any “NO” answers, sit down with your family and discuss the problems and how they can be corrected. Take this opportunity to create fire safety awareness in **ALL** family members and at the same time, make your home a safer place to live. If you have any questions about how to correct a hazard, send us an e-mail at [ctrapp@ci.helena.mt.us](mailto:ctrapp@ci.helena.mt.us) or call the Fire Marshal at 406-447-8495.

FAMILY MEMBERS CONDUCTING INSPECTION:

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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