



Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Fire Rescue

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HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Please take the time to complete this short Home Fire Safety Checklist. Any "Nos" indicate a potential risk and should be attended to immediately. If you have any questions, please call Marion County Fire Rescue at (352) 291-8000.

| YES | NO | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smoke Alarms and Fire Escape Planning: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you installed a smoke alarm inside every sleeping area and in common areas? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you test your smoke alarms every month? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you change your smoke alarm batteries twice a year (when the time changes)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family have a fire escape plan? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your plan posted and regularly practiced (at least twice a year)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your plan indicate TWO exits from every room? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your plan have a meeting place so everyone knows where to go? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your address on or near every telephone? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all family members know how and when to dial 9-1-1 for emergencies? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you show your babysitters/guests your home escape routes and review 9-1-1 with them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family know the first rule in fire emergencies: to GET OUT AND STAY OUT? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your family know how to crawl to safety in order to reduce smoke inhalation? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire Extinguishers: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have at least two UL or FM approved ABC fire extinguishers in your home? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you take them out twice a year, shake them and ensure they are properly charged? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Electrical Hazards: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are appliances checked periodically for good working conditions? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you ensure electrical outlets are not overloaded? |

→ *Safety Checklist continued* →

"Meeting Needs by Exceeding Expectations"

YES NO

Cooking and Heating Sources:

- Do you make it a rule to never leave cooking unattended?
- Do you keep a fire extinguisher nearby for minor emergencies, just in case?
- Do you keep children and pets at least 3-feet from flame and heat sources?
- When cooking, do you keep pot handles turned inward to prevent burning?
- Do you ensure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater or fireplace?
- Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked annually?
- If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it?

Smoking Habits:

- Are all matches and lighters kept out of children’s reach?
- Is NO SMOKING IN BED a rule of the house?
- Is your family aware that ash trays should NEVER be emptied into waste baskets?
- Are there plenty of large, safe ash trays throughout the house?
- Do you make it a rule to never throw cigarette butts on the ground or out of car windows?

Housekeeping:

- Do you keep attics, garages and yards clear of rubbish?
- Are paints and oily rags kept in tightly sealed metal containers?
- Are flammable liquids, like gasoline, stored safely and kept away from heat and children?
- Do you ensure to NEVER use flammable liquids for cleaning clothes or starting fires?
- Do you ensure you don’t run your washing machine or dryer when you are not home?
- Is your clothes dryer vent clean and properly installed?

Outside of the Home:

- Have you removed all dried grass cuttings, tree trimmings and weeds from your property?
- Can you see your house number clearly from the street?

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this Home Fire Safety Checklist!
~Provided to you as a public service by Marion County Fire Rescue~*

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