



# Fort Hall Fire & EMS District

## Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist



A Fire can happen in any part of your house. Use this checklist to make a safety check of your home.

### Housekeeping:

- Do you keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages and yards?
- Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers?
- Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?
- Have you make it a rule to **NEVER** use flammable liquids for cleaning clothes or start fires?
- Are oily rags kept in a tightly sealed container?
- Is your clothes dryer vent clean and properly installed?

### Smoke Alarms:

- Have you installed a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area or in every bedroom on each floor?
- Do you test you smoke alarm(s) every month?
- Do you replace the battery of your battery operated smoke alarm every year?

### Electrical Hazards:

- Are appliances checked for periodically for good operations conditions?
- Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails?
- When using extension cords for appliances, does the gauge of both cords match?
- Are electrical outlets overloaded?

### Heating and Cooking:

- If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it?
- Is the filter for your forced air heater changed yearly and the venting cleaned?
- Are furnaces and wood burning stoves in good repair and located away from combustible walls and ceilings?
- Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked periodically?
- Do you make sure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater or fireplace?
- Do your children keep a safe distance from flame and heat sources?

## Fire Extinguishers:

- Do you have a Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved fire extinguisher in your home?
- Do you take it out two times a year and shake it to keep the powder from packing?

## Outside:

- Have all dried grass cuttings, tree and wood been removed from your property?
- Do you have a survivable space around you house of 50 feet?

## Fire Escape Plan:

- Does your family have a fire escape plan prepared?
- Is your escape plan posted and regularly practiced?
- Does each bedroom have TWO exits?
- Do you have a meeting place so you will know everyone is outside and safe?
- Are emergency response numbers posted on all telephones?
- Is your address on or near your telephone?
- Do all family members know how to dial **478-4000 for all Fire, Police, and Medical emergencies?**
- Do you show your babysitters/guests your home escape routes and review 478-4000 with him/her?
- Does your family know the first rule in fire emergencies: **GET EVERYONE OUT FAST AND DON'T GO BACK INSIDE?**

## Smoking Habits:

- Are all matches and lighters kept out of reach of children?
- 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 home?
- Do you check for smoldering cigarette butts in the furniture?

If you have any question or desire a home safety inspection feel free to contact the Fort Hall Fire & EMS District at (208) 478-3782, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Or contact your local Fire Department.