



Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

Bowling Green Fire Department

www.bgky.org/fire 270.393.3702

Date Performed _____

Exterior

- ___ Make house number visible from street (minimum of 4" required)



Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- ___ Keep portable heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- ___ Never store things on or near wall or floor heaters, even during warm seasons
- ___ Replace furnace filters once a year
- ___ Clean lint from behind clothes dryer and clean lint filter regularly
- ___ Make sure that the fireplace has a screen in place to contain sparks and cinders
- ___ Have chimney inspected and cleaned yearly
- ___ Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater



Electrical

- ___ Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- ___ Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- ___ Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- ___ Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using extension cords
- ___ If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker



Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- ___ Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
- ___ Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- ___ Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite
- ___ Store gasoline and gas powered equipment in outside shed or garage, separate from the home



Cooking

- ___ Never leave cooking unattended
- ___ Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- ___ Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- ___ When using outdoor grill, move grill away from the house
- ___ Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers



Smoking Materials & Candles

- ___ Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- ___ Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- ___ Never smoke in bed
- ___ Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- ___ Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children



Smoke Alarms

- ___ Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- ___ Test smoke alarms once a month
- ___ Replace smoke alarm batteries once a year Hint: use Daylight Savings Time as a reminder
- ___ Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years
- ___ When replacing smoke alarms, replace with interconnected smoke alarms. All alarms will signal when smoke is detected.
- ___ Does everyone in your home know what to do if the smoke alarm sounds?



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

* If the CO detector alarm sounds, GET OUT and CALL 911.

- ___ Do you have a working CO detector?
- ___ Is there one located within 10 feet of each sleeping area?
- ___ Is your CO detector less than 5 years old?



Fire Extinguishers

- ___ Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- ___ Teach adults how to use a fire extinguisher



Develop & Practice a Home Escape Plan

- ___ Develop a home escape plan that includes:
 - Crawling low under smoke
 - Two exits out of every room. Make sure windows open easily.
 - Designate a meeting place outside (tree, mailbox, etc.)
- ___ Practice escape plan with every member
- ___ Teach all family members how to:
 - Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. State your name, location & type of emergency
 - Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire



For more information, additional resources, or to request assistance with Home Safety Inspections, call the Bowling Green Fire Department at 270.393.3702 or visit online at www.bgky.org/fire/home-fire-safety-inspection.