

WEST DES MOINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

HOME FIRE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Yes No

Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- 1. All smoke alarms and CO alarms are tested each month.
- 2. Batteries in all smoke alarms and CO alarms have been replaced this year.
- 3. Smoke alarms are not older than 10 years. If so, they need to be replaced.
- 4. Smoke alarms are on every level of the home. They are inside and outside all sleeping areas. (If you do not have any smoke alarms, contact the WDMFD.)

Yes No

In the Kitchen

- 1. You stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- 2. Loose items that can burn are three feet away from your cooking area.
- 3. Pot handles are turned in where you can't bump them.

Yes No

Fire Extinguishers

- 1. An ABC dry chemical extinguisher is placed in a visible location.
- 2. Pressure gauge is checked periodically, and needle is in green zone.
- 3. Every adult in the home knows how to properly operate an extinguisher. PASS.

Yes No

Fire Escape Plan

- 1. There are two ways out of the home.
- 2. All windows and doors open with ease.
- 3. Everyone in the home can safely egress through all designated exits.
- 4. A meeting place outside the front of your home has been established.
- 5. Escape plan is practiced twice a year with everyone in the home.

Yes No

Electrical

- 1. Outlets are not overloaded with more than two appliances.
- 2. Outlets have cover plates securely fastened to the wall.
- 3. Extension cords do not run across doorways or under rugs.
- 4. Breaker box has a cover/door, and all knockouts are filled.

Yes **No**

Home Heating

- 1. Combustible items are at least three feet away from fireplaces, furnaces, wood stoves, space heaters, and radiators.
- 2. Space heaters are plugged directly into an outlet never an extension cord.
- 3. Space heaters are turned off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- 4. Wood burning stoves and fireplaces are being vented properly.
- 5. The furnace and/or chimney is inspected by a professional each year.

Yes **No**

Candles

- 1. Candles are kept out of reach of children and pets and away from combustibles.
- 2. Candles are never left unattended.
- 3. Matches and lighters are securely put away and are out of reach of children.

Yes **No**

Smokers

- 1. Smokers should smoke outside.
- 2. Cigarettes are not discarded in mulch, potted plants or leaves, but rather in an approved cigarette butt container.
- 3. Matches and lighters are securely put away and are out of reach of children.

Yes **No**

Flammable Liquids

- 1. Flammable liquids are stored in approved containers intended for their use.
- 2. Flammable liquids are stored away from heat sources and open flames.

Yes **No**

House Identification

- 1. House number is easily seen from the street during the day and at night.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the

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