

“HOME FIRE CAMPAIGN”

MOBILE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Mobile Fire & Rescue Department Neighborhood Fire Station Home Fire & Safety Self-Inspection Checklist

To help reduce the risk of fire or other emergencies, we have developed this Self-Assessment Checklist to assist you with identifying and eliminating common household hazards which can contribute to a fire or another type of home accident. Review the list provided and determine if your home has any safety deficiencies. **If so, work to correct them.** If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by your neighborhood Fire Station or contact the Community Risk Reduction Division at 251-208-7484.

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Recommend one on each level of your home.
Recommend one outside each sleeping area.
Recommend testing monthly & battery replacement with semi-annual time changes.
Replace after 10 years old.

Escape Plan

Develop plan to get out of house with 2 ways out of each room.
Establish a meeting point 50 ft. from your home.
Practice your escape plan and gathering at your meeting place every 6 months.
Check windows and doors for easy opening by everyone.
Keep a flashlight located in each sleeping area.

Fire Extinguishers

Should be easily accessible in the home and garage/storage (ABC Type).
Teach everyone how to use them.
Be sure they are charged/in date (check yearly).

Kitchen Safety

Keep the stove top clean and clear.
Keep pan lids quickly accessible to cover burning pots.
Use potholders and oven mitts, not towels.
Keep pot handles turned inwards to avoid being turned over.
Never leave the stove unattended.
Keep the vent hood clean/no grease buildup.

General Safety

Be sure extension cords are properly used/good shape.

Be sure outlets not overloaded.

Keep household chemicals stored away from children.

Eliminate all trip hazards, loose carpet, extension cords, and cables.

Do Not store Gasoline near open flames such as gas a water heater.

Store gasoline outside in approved containers.

Check to see if your house numbers are visible from the street.

Keep space heaters are at least 3 to 5 ft. from anything flammable.

Keep ashtrays away from anything flammable.

Use BBQ grills at least 10 ft. from buildings.

Clean your dryer ducts every 6 months.

Keep a home first aid kit.

Keep all medications secure from children.

Keep a written list of personal medications for each person.

Keep a Family Disaster Kit stocked with food and water, personal medications, toiletries, clothes and cash for 72 hrs.