

## THE HARTFORD'S JUNIOR FIRE MARSHAL® PROGRAM

## FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOME.



Here's a fun – and very important – activity you can do with your whole family. By completing this checklist, you can find out if your home has dangers that could cause a fire.

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Look closely at each item on this checklist. Fill in the blanks.
2. If you can say "yes" to each statement, put a check mark in the box. If the answer is "no," take action to correct it.
3. Complete the whole checklist and write the date you completed it.
4. Put the completed checklist where you can see it, like the refrigerator.

Complete this checklist each year to help keep your family safe from fire.

Date completed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**SMOKE ALARMS**

- We have \_\_\_\_ smoke alarms in our home.
- The last time we replaced the battery in our smoke alarm was \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_. *Batteries must be replaced once a year.*
- We test our smoke alarms monthly.
- We NEVER remove the batteries from the smoke alarms to use in toys or anything else.

**ESCAPE PLAN**

- We have a home escape plan. Our plan includes 2 ways out of every room.
- Our family has a special place to meet outside if there is a fire.
- Our family practices our escape plan \_\_\_\_ times a year.

**ELECTRICAL**

- All electrical cords in my home are in good condition. We replace frayed or damaged wires.
- We have no electrical cords underneath carpets, rugs or furniture.
- We have no more than one electrical item for each outlet.
- All fuses being used are the proper rating.
- We never leave tablets under a pillow to charge overnight, and we only keep electronics plugged in to charge during the day.

**CLEAR EXITS**

- All room exits are clear, including windows.

**FLAMMABLES**

- We place garbage, such as old newspapers or boxes, far away from heat-producing equipment, such as furnaces.
- We keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls and other items, such as drapes, furniture and papers that might catch fire.
- We keep children away from the stove.
- We keep flammable items such as potholders, curtains and towels away from the stove.
- We guard open flames. The fireplace has a screen, and candles have sturdy holders.
- We keep matches and lighters away from small children.
- We keep the hot water heater temperature at 120 degrees Fahrenheit or below to avoid burns.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

- We have a fire extinguisher, and we know how to use it.

**FIREPLACE**

- We have a professional inspect and clean our fireplaces every year. Each fireplace has a metal fire screen or heat-tempered glass doors.

**SAFE IS THE WAY!** Complete this checklist with your family today.

