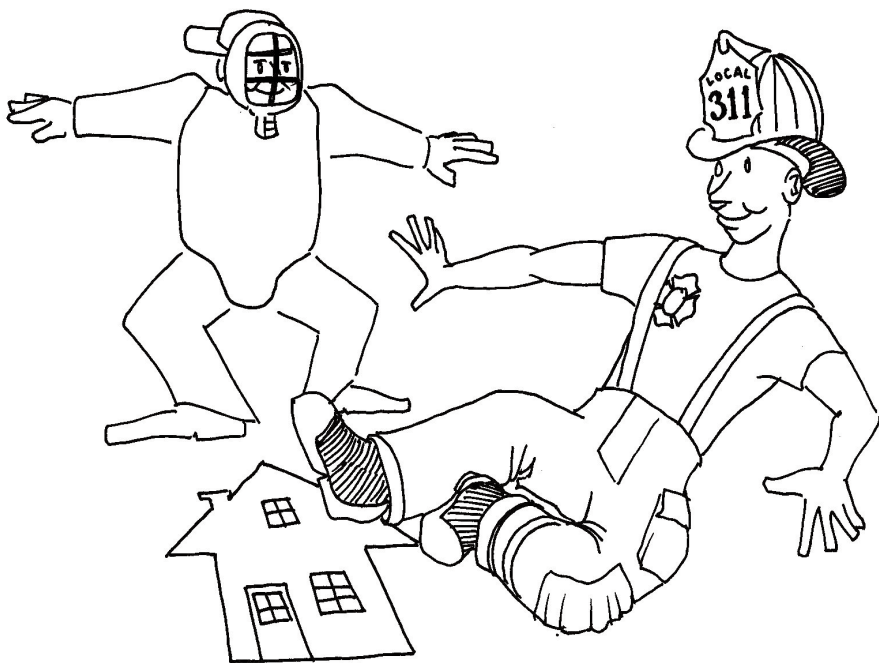


Safe at Home



A Home Safety Inspection Guide
Brought to you by Madison Area Firefighters Local 311
local311.org (608) 257-2030

Safe at Home Purpose Statement

The Safe at Home program was designed by Firefighters Union Local 311 to help private citizens reduce accidents and promote home safety awareness. This booklet may be reviewed by the homeowner on their own or they may contact the Union office at (608) 257-2030 or local311.org to schedule a free home safety inspection by 311 members. More of these booklets and other educational materials are available through the Union office. Local 311 also schedules presentations on the same material to private groups or housing associations. Please take advantage of this service and call with any questions.

MADISON AREA RESOURCES

EMERGENCY: Fire/Police/Ambulance 911

**Madison Police Department
Non-Emergency Number** 255-2345

Kohl's Safety 890-8043

A resource for families from the American Family Children's Hospital which provides injury prevention education and child safety products at a low cost.

www.uwhealth.org/americanfamilychildrenshospital/kohlssafety/center/11928.

Madison/Dane County Clean Sweep: 243-0368

A place to safely dispose of hazardous household materials free of charge.

www.danecountycleansweep.com

Madison Fire Department Administration: 266-4420

General Information, Community Education, Fire Prevention.

www.madisonfire.org

Madison Smoke Alarm Ordinance Information:

www.madisonfire.org (click on "Smoke Alarm Ordinance" box.)

Med Drop:

A place to safely dispose of unused, unwanted, and expired Rx or OTC medications.

www.meddropdane.org

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222
1-414-266-2541 (TTY)

Safe Kids Car Seat Program: 890-8999

For assistance with proper installation of child safety car seats.

2-1-1 Wisconsin: 211

A free number to connect callers with health and human services in their community.

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SAFE AT HOME CHECKLIST

ALL ROOMS

ELECTRICAL CORDS

- Cords kept away from high traffic area: doors, hallways, etc.
- No cords running under rugs or carpets.
- Cords in good condition; free from patches with electrical or other tape.
- No nails or staples in or around cords when attached to walls or floor.
- Cords carrying proper load; not more than for which they were designed (most standard 18 gauge extension cords carry 1250 watts).

RUGS

- Rugs free from holes.
- Rugs have non-slip pads beneath.
- Tape over any frayed or uneven edges.

TELEPHONES

- List of emergency numbers near phone.
- Phone easily accessible in case of falls, etc.

OUTLETS/SWITCHES

- Outlets feel cool to touch (if warm, turn off power to outlet and contact electrician).
- Outlets have cover plates installed and in good condition.
- Adequate number of outlets for area.

SMOKE DETECTORS

- Smoke detector installed on each floor.
- Smoke detector installed in each sleeping area and just outside each sleeping area..
- All smoke detectors functioning properly.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

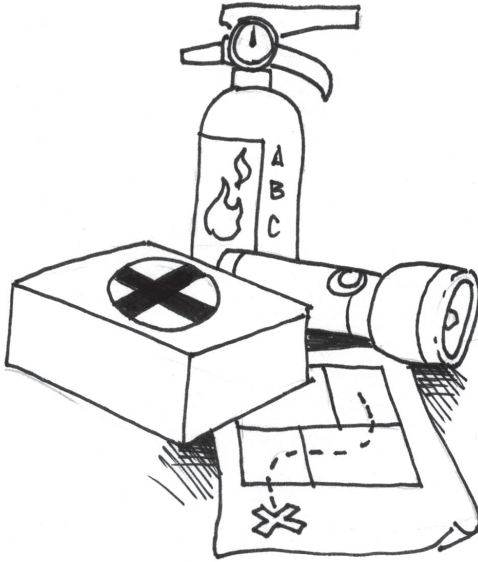
- At least one carbon monoxide detector in the home.
- CO detector functioning properly.
- Located at least 15 feet from furnace/heating appliances and high humidity areas.

LIGHTS

- All light sockets have bulbs installed.
- Correct sized light bulbs in sockets; see manufacturer's recommendations or <60 watts.

SPACE HEATERS

- Plugged into proper three prong adapter or adequate outlet.
- Away from combustible materials such as drapes, bedding, furniture, towels, stuffed animals, etc.
- Space heaters kept away from high traffic areas.
- Space heaters sitting on a stable surface so not easily tipped.



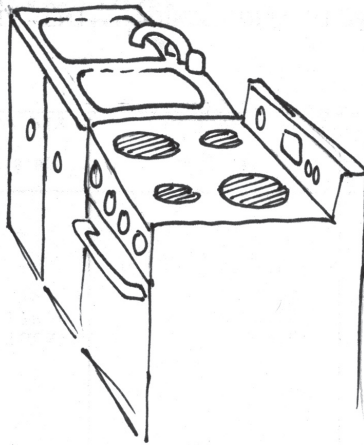
EMERGENCY PLANS

- Emergency evacuation plan in place and meeting spot designated.
- Secondary escape from upper floors or escape ladder available.
- First Aid kit on site.
- Working flashlights present.
- Working ABC fire extinguisher present.
- House numbers easily visible from street, night or day, and are at least 4" in height.

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KITCHEN

- Towels, curtains, newspapers, other combustibles away from oven or range.
- GFI outlets installed near sink.
- Sink and countertops well lit.
- Step stool available to avoid dangerous reach.
- Refrigerator free of out of date or moldy foods.
- No cooking with loose or hanging sleeves.
- Oven/range properly secured to wall to avoid tip hazard.
- Household emergency information and medication list on magnet on outside of refrigerator.



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BATHROOMS

- Non-skid mats or abrasive strips for footing installed in tub or shower.
- Hot water temperature <120 degrees.
- Light switch located near entrance to bathroom.
- Stool or chair nearby for use while toweleling off or dressing.
- Stool or chair in tub or shower if unsteady on feet.
- Small appliances (hair dryer, curling iron) unplugged when not in use.
- Grab bars on wall.
- Night light present.
- GFI electrical outlets installed near sink and tub.



BEDROOMS

- Lamp or light switch within reach of bed.
- Ashtrays, smoking materials kept away from bedding.
- Heaters, hot plates kept away from bedding.
- No smoking in or near bed.
- Heating pad turned off before sleeping.
- Telephone within reach of bed.
- List of emergency numbers kept near phone.
- Electric blanket not tucked in and kept uncovered while not in use.

STAIRS

- Treads and runners in good condition.
- Full-length handrail installed and tightly secured.
- Stairway cleared of storage or litter.
- Stairway well lit.
- Steps even in depth and height, or well marked if uneven.
- Rugs or runner in good shape.
- Treads non-slip surface.

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HALLWAYS/PASSAGEWAYS

- Well lit.
- Cleared of clutter or storage.

BASEMENT/GARAGE/WORKSHOP

- Power tools equipped with three prong plug or marked as double insulated.
- Guards in place on power tools.
- Three prong plug properly grounded (grounding pin in place or adapter used).
- Flammable liquids properly capped.
- Flammable liquids stored away from ignition sources.
- No gasoline stored in home.
- Electric garage doors equipped with auto reverse.
- Garage floor free from slip and trip hazards: cracks, clutter, oil or grease spots.
- Adequate lighting over working areas.
- Light switches near entrances.
- Lawn equipment and tools have guards in place and keys removed when not in use.



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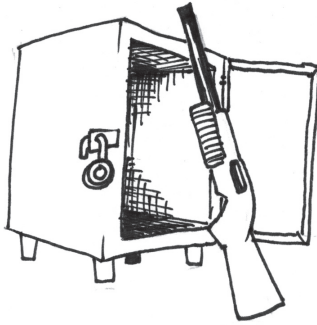
CHILD SAFETY

- Windows blocked and secured so child cannot fall out.
- Safety gates at top and bottom of stairways.
- Toy chest equipped with safe lid or closing mechanism.
- Dangerous storage areas (cabinets, drawers, closets) in bathroom, kitchen, basement or garage locked with child safe devices.
- Crib mattress is tight fitting (<2 fingers width distance between mattress and railing).
- Crib slats <2 3/8 inches apart.
- Outlet covers in place.
- Drapery and blind cords shortened with no loops at end.
- Matches and lighters stored out of children's reach.
- Medications in child-proof containers and stored out of reach.
- Child safety vehicle seat correct size for age/weight of child and properly installed by certified technician.
- Children wear helmets and wrist guards for bicycling, rollerblading, etc.
- Infants not placed on stomach for sleeping.

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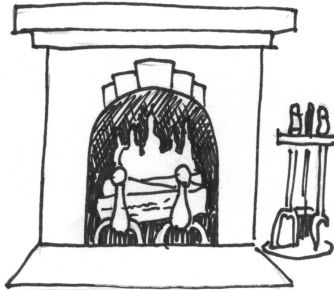
GUN SAFETY

- Firearms kept in locked storage.
- Firearms and ammunition stored separately.
- Keys to firearms stored separately and away from regularly used keys.
- Ammunition removed from stored firearms.
- Firearms equipped with safety locks.



FIREPLACE/CHIMNEY/WOODBURNER

- Fireplace screen in place.
- Leaves and debris cleared from chimney opening.
- Chimney regularly cleaned. Date of last cleaning _____
- Wood burner installed by certified technician.



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FURNACE

- Filter changed regularly. Last changed _____.
- Furnace safety checked and cleaned by certified technician.
Last serviced _____ (recommended yearly).

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

- Ice and snow cleared from walkways and driveway,
- Ice and snow cleared from gas meter and furnace exhaust area.
- Ice and snow cleared from fire hydrants near property.

WARM WEATHER SAFETY

- Keep weeds and brush cleared at least 20 feet from house.
- Store gas barbecues away from the house, never use a barbecue grill on a covered patio.
- In an apartment setting never use a barbecue grill in, on, or under covered balconies or walkways.
- Gas or charcoal grills cleaned and in good condition.

NOTES

If you have had a member of fire Fighters Local 311 do this safety check with you at _____, certain items have been identified as potential hazards. These are indicated by the boxes marked, and suggestions have been made concerning how your residence could be made more safe. Our suggestions, if followed, do not guarantee that accidents or medical emergencies will not happen, but they will reduce the likelihood of their occurrence.

If you have any questions regarding this visit, feel free to contact us at (608) 257-2030.

Local 311 member name _____

Local 311 member signature _____

Resident or resident representative signature _____

Date: _____