

Fry Fire District, Home Safety Inspection List:



Exterior of the home:

Address- The address should be posted on the home with numbers that are a minimum of four inches high and in color contrast with the background. Other things to consider when posting an address include:

- Reflective addresses will increase visibility at night.
- If your home sits farther than 50' from the road, an address should be posted near the entryway.
- Addresses should be posted under porch or security lights when possible.
- If you have a single mailbox installed in front of your home an address on the box will assist emergency responders. Addresses painted on the curb are also beneficial.

Vehicle Access- The property should be maintained in a way that facilitates emergency vehicle access. The minimum width a fire district engine can travel through is 10' with a minimum height clearance of 13'. A minimum width of 12' is preferred.

Utility Shutoffs- Gas and electric meters should be kept clear of vegetation and storage so emergency responders can locate them as quickly as possible in the event of an emergency.

Wildfire Preparedness- If your home is located in a brushfire hazard zone; the following are minimum guidelines you should take to protect your home.

- Keep a defensible space of 30' around your home
 - Keep grass cut short at all times.
 - Prune trees to 6' from the ground.
 - Keep "ladder" fuels away from your home. Ladder fuels are things such as vegetation located near or touching the exterior of your home, wooden fences that connect to the home, and storage of combustible materials such as firewood against the building.

Pool Safety- A barrier must be kept around your pool at all times

- Gates to the pool area must remain locked.
- Doors and windows leading to a pool area need a working alarm system.
- Keep tables, chairs, etc., away from the pool barrier.
- Never leave children unattended while swimming.

Inside the Home:

- Escape Openings-** Keep your families escape routes accessible.
 - Doors and windows should open easily.
 - Doors and windows should remain unobstructed from furniture, etc.

- Smoke Alarms-** The following items need to be assessed.
 - Smoke alarms must be less than 10 years old.
 - A smoke alarm should be installed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home to include basements.
 - Smoke alarms must not be closer than 4" to a wall when mounted on the ceiling.
 - Smoke alarms must be between 4 and 12 inches from the ceiling when mounted on a wall.
 - Smoke alarms must not be closer than 36" to the tip of a ceiling fan or return air register.
 - Smoke alarms should be closer than 36" to the door of a bathroom or 20' to a cooking appliance or fire place.
 - Follow the manufacturer's guidelines when installing smoke alarms.

- Carbon Monoxide Alarm-** If your home is equipped with fuel-fired appliances; a CO alarm should be installed.
 - Carbon Monoxide detectors should be installed outside sleeping areas.
 - Install CO detectors no closer than 15' to cooking and heating appliances.
 - Follow the manufacturer's guidelines when installing a CO detector.

- Fire Extinguisher-** A fire extinguisher is recommend in all homes.
 - Multi purpose ABC fire extinguisher and in good condition.
 - Mounted or stored in an easily accessible location near an exit.
 - The occupants must understand the limitations and proper use of a fire extinguisher.

- Electrical Outlets-** Maintain outlets in good condition and as follows.
 - Multi-plug adapters must be fused.
 - Do not over load outlets.
 - Do not use extension cords in a permanent manner.
 - Outlets closer than 3' to water or located outside must be of the GFIC type.

- Interior Electrical Panel-** Maintain a clear area around the panel and keep the circuits properly labeled.

- Gas Appliances-** Appliances should be maintained in the following manner
 - Do not store combustible materials closer than 3'
 - Appliances and filters should be clean.
 - Pilot lights should burn with a uniform blue flame.
 - Ventilation registers and flues should be clear and intact.

Heating- Home heating considerations

- Fireplaces must have a screen intact and the mantel should be kept clear of storage.
- Chimneys should be cleaned annually by a certified Chimney Sweep.
- Never store combustible materials closer than 3' from portable heaters, furnaces or fireplaces.

Dryer- Cloths dryer maintenance

- The lint trap should be cleaned regularly
- The dryer vent should be completely cleaned once a year.

Garage- The following items should be assessed.

- Doors leading from a garage to the home should close automatically.
- Hazardous materials should be limited and stored appropriately.

Fire And Injury Prevention In The Home:

Kitchen Safety- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires. Never leave cooking food unattended. Use care when cooking, keep combustible items away from open flames.

Smoking and Candle Safety- Fires from smoking materials are the leading cause of home fire fatalities. If you do smoke, smoke outdoors, always use sturdy ashtrays and never smoke in bed. Candles must be in sturdy containers, kept away from combustible materials, kept out of reach of children and inaccessible to pets and left unattended while burning.

EDITH- Escape Drills In The Home,

- Educate your family members on the best escape routes.
- Designate a meeting area outside.
- Practice exiting the home through windows and other escape routes.
- Sound a smoke alarm and have your family practice an EDITH drill.

Children Residing or Visiting the Home:

The following are safety considerations specific to children.

- Electrical outlets should be covered with electrical safety caps.
- Bookcases, entertainment centers and cabinets should be secured to the wall.
- Medications, hazardous materials and firearms should be stored where children can't access them, preferably secured with a lock.
- Cooking Safety- Identify a "safe zone" in the kitchen where children are taught not enter when cooking. Keep pot handles turned inward.
- 911 Education- Teach children how to dial 911 and make sure they know the address or write it down near the phone.

- Children are naturally curious of fire. Keep lighters, matches, etc. away from children and teach them the difference between a “tool” and a “toy.”

Special Considerations for the Elderly or Physically Challenged:

The following are safety considerations.

- Fall Prevention- Install handicap grab bars near the bathtub, shower and toilet. Use non-slip textured mats or stick pads in these same areas and on stairways.
- Vial of Life- Contact the fire district for information on the “Vial of Life.” A program that assists you with keeping pertinent information that responders will need in the event of an emergency.
- A residential “Knox Box” can be purchased to ensure emergency responders can enter your home in the event you are unable to get to the door. Contact the fire district for more information
- Visual strobe smoke alarms should be installed if you or a loved one is hearing impaired.
- Large dial phones can help people who are visually impaired dial 911 in an emergency.
- A Medic Alert system is good safety tool for people who are prone to falls or living alone.

Please feel free to contact the fire district if you have any questions or would like further information on fire and injury prevention.

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