

Do for Requirement 6

(Complete prior to Camporee)

Home Safety Inspection

Together with the other members of your family, use this checklist to check the safety of your house. Not every question will apply to your home. For each question that is answered with yes, score a point. When you are done, total your score. Where you have answered no, attempt to eliminate the hazards or change the actions. After a few days of making adjustments, review the list to see how much your score has improved.

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Matches**
- Are matches kept where young children cannot reach them? Yes No
 - Are strike-anywhere matches kept in metal containers?
 - Are matches kept away from heat sources like stoves and heaters?
 - Are matches and smoking materials put out and cold before being discarded?
 - Do smokers use safety ashtrays?
 - Is "no smoking in bed" a house rule?
 - Does a responsible person watch the children when parents go out, even for a little while?

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- Smoke Detectors**
- Are the smoke detectors in your home installed properly? Yes No
 - Are smoke detectors located in all sleeping areas of your home and on every level?
 - Are smoke detectors tested at least once a month?

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- When the smoke detector sounds, does everyone know to get out of the house immediately?
- If a smoke detector fails to operate when tested, is it fixed immediately?
- Do you change the batteries in your smoke alarms at least once a year, on a birthday or holiday, or when you set your set your clocks forward in the spring or back in the fall?
- Are your smoke detectors less than 10 years old?

Score _____

Electrical Hazards

- Are only qualified electricians allowed to install or extend wiring in your home? Yes No
- When you buy electrical equipment—extension cords, appliances, televisions, and all other devices—do you always make sure it has been tested at an approved facility like Underwriters Laboratories?
- Are there enough electrical outlets in each room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?
- Are there special circuits for heavy-duty appliances like stoves, air conditioners, and clothes dryers?
- On the household-lighting circuit, are the proper fuses or circuit-breakers used?
- Are all extension cords in the open—not run under rugs, over hooks, or through partitions or door openings?

Score _____

Storage and Flammable Liquids

- Are your basement, closets, balcony, and attic kept free of rubbish, oily rags, flammable liquids, and large stacks of paper, and is necessary storage kept in an orderly fashion? Yes No
- After oily polishing rags are used, are they destroyed or placed in covered metal cans in a metal cabinet in the garage?

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- If you store paint, varnish, or other flammable liquids, are the containers metal, tightly closed, and kept in a metal cabinet in the garage?
- If you keep gasoline for use in a power mower or outboard motor, is it stored in an approved metal can with a self-closing cap on the openings?
- If you burn coal, are ashes put in metal containers, clear of wood floors or partitions?
- Has everyone in the family been warned never to use gasoline, benzene, or other flammable liquids to clean clothes, furnishings, or floors?
- If your garage is attached to the house or in the basement, is it separated from the living area by cutoff walls with a tight-fitting door?

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Heating and Cooking

- If you use oil heat, is the equipment listed by Underwriters Laboratories? **Yes** **No**
- If you use gas heat, is the equipment listed by Underwriters Laboratories or the American Gas Association Laboratories?
- If your heating system is oil or coal, do you have it inspected and serviced before each season begins?
- If your heating system is gas, is it regularly checked and serviced?
- Are all chimneys, gas and smoke pipes, and other flue connections inspected each fall and cleaned and repaired as necessary?
- Are walls, ceilings, and partitions near heating and cooking equipment either adequately separated from the sources of heat or protected by noncombustible materials?
- Are wood floors under space heaters or coal stoves protected by insulation or ventilated air space?
- Is the inside basement door at the head of the stairs tightly fitted and kept closed at night?

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- Is the kitchen stove, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?
- Is the kitchen exhaust fan kept clean of grease?
- Are curtains arranged so they do not blow over stoves and heaters?
- Are oil and gas heaters always turned off before everyone goes to bed?
- Do all portable and space heaters sit level and out of the way of traffic?
- Are oil and gas heaters, which use up oxygen as they burn, properly vented? Do you always keep a door or window slightly open in any room where such a heater is being used?
- Are the fuel tanks of oil heaters refilled only by adults outdoors and in daylight?
- Are the gas connections for space heaters or other gas appliances made of metal?
- Has everyone in the family been warned never to use kerosene or other flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace or furnace?
- Is every indoor fireplace equipped with a sturdy metal fire screen?
- Are the shutoff valves for gas appliances located on the rigid metal gas pipeline where they can be reached in case of trouble without touching the appliance?
- Have all electric, oil, or gas heaters been tested and listed by a recognized testing laboratory like Underwriters Laboratories?

Score _____

Yard Hazards

- Do you keep your yard cleared of leaves, debris, and combustible rubbish? **Yes** **No**
- In areas where burning trash is permitted, are trash and refuse burned only in suitable outdoor incinerators and on sufficiently calm days?

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- Is an adult always present when trash or leaves are being burned outdoors?
- Are charcoal grills used only outdoors and lit without the use of liquid fuels?

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Holiday Hazards

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| Do you have a safe Fourth of July celebration by not using fireworks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In buying gift toys, do you insist on those that can't cause fire, shock, or explosion? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the Christmas tree kept outside until you are ready to set it up? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the tree kept in water and thrown out when the needles begin to fall? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a switch away from the tree for turning the lights on and off? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are tree lights shut off whenever you go out or to bed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is all decorative lighting checked for frayed and loose sockets? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all decorating materials noncombustible? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are candles placed so they cannot reach combustible materials? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are gift wrappings gathered up and disposed of promptly after presents are opened? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Score _____

A Prepared Family

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| Does every family member know the proper procedure for reporting a fire in your community, including 9-1-1 or other emergency telephone number, and the location of the neighborhood fire-alarm box? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does every family member know how to call the fire department? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are baby-sitters instructed carefully on what to do in case of fire? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did the entire family take part in completing this checklist? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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