



TOWAMENCIN TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

- Does your family have a "Home Fire Escape Plan" with a pre-determined meeting place outside? _____
- Do you have a working smoke alarm of each floor of your home, test it weekly and replace the batteries twice a year? _____
- Do you have a Carbon Monoxide detector near the sleeping area of your home and do you test it weekly? _____

YES

NO

PLAN TO BE FIRE SAFE

- Do you always make sure that matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them? _____
- Have you made "Take Smoking Outside the home" a safety rule for your family? _____
- Do you read the warning labels on aerosol cans? Some propellants are highly flammable _____
- If you or a family member in your home uses oxygen, is that person forbidden from smoking in the same room as the oxygen? _____
- Do you keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children? _____
- Do you keep burning candles away from children, pets and combustibles? _____
- Do you always extinguish candles before leaving the room? _____

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- Are there enough electrical outlets in each room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords? _____
- Do you have dedicated circuits for high demand appliances such as air conditioners and dryers? _____
- Do you check the condition of extension cords and appliance cords for wear and damage? _____
- Do you avoid draping extension cords and wires over pipes and nails? _____
- Do you avoid running extension cords and appliance cords under carpeting or areas where they will be damaged? _____

HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS

- Is your address posted and visible from across the street? _____
- Do you keep your basement, closets & attic cleared of combustible materials? _____
- Do you keep paint, varnish & other metal containers tightly closed? _____
- Do you properly dispose of unwanted hazardous materials such as paints & varnish? _____
- Does everyone in your family know never to use gasoline or other flammable liquids for indoor cleaning? _____
- Do you always clear the snow away from the fire hydrant near your house? _____

HEATING AND COOKING HAZARDS

- Do you always turn off portable heaters before going to bed? _____
- Do you always refill the fuel tank of a portable heater outside? _____
- Do you make sure that every portable heater is a safe distance from curtains, bedding and furniture? _____
- Are your kitchen stove, oven, broiler and microwave kept clean and free of grease? _____
- Are your curtains near kitchen ranges and heating equipment arranged to prevent them from blowing into the cooking area? _____
- Do you make sure that you stay in the kitchen and watch what you are cooking? _____
- Do you turn pot handles inward from the edge of the stove to prevent injury? _____