

Home Safety Checklist

Scout's Name: _____

Scout's Troop: _____

Date(s) of inspection: _____

Check safety steps that are being taken in your home.
Check each item and circle the applicable finding – YES, NO, or N/A.
Check N/A if the item is not applicable.
Items checked NO may present a safety hazard.
Ask your parent or guardian before making any changes to improve safety.

Stairways, Halls, and Outdoor Steps (check each one)

- YES · NO · N/A · Stairways with three or more steps have a strong handrail and slip resistant finish.
- YES · NO · N/A · Stairways & halls are kept free from boxes, toys, shoes, brooms, tools, and other tripping hazards.
- YES · NO · N/A · Gates at top and bottom of stairs prevent children from falling.
- YES · NO · N/A · The head and foot of stairs have no small or loose rugs.
- YES · NO · N/A · Stair carpeting or covering is fastened securely.
- YES · NO · N/A · Stairways & halls have good lighting, controllable at each end.

Kitchen

- YES · NO · N/A · Matches are kept where children cannot get them.
- YES · NO · N/A · Emergency numbers are posted next to the telephone, including 911 and poison control.
- YES · NO · N/A · Knives & sharp instruments are kept in knife drawers or holder.
- YES · NO · N/A · Can openers don't leave sharp edges on cans.
- YES · NO · N/A · Disinfectants & cleaning products are out of reach of children.
- YES · NO · N/A · Pan handles are turned away from stove edges.
- YES · NO · N/A · Spilled grease, water, or bits of food are wiped up immediately.
- YES · NO · N/A · Pot holders are located near the stove, within easy reach.
- YES · NO · N/A · A dry chemical fire extinguisher is mounted near the stove.

Attic and Basement

- YES · NO · N/A · Ladder is strong, solid, and sturdily constructed.
- YES · NO · N/A · Stairway is sturdy and well lighted.
- YES · NO · N/A · Children keep skates and play gear in a specific place.
- YES · NO · N/A · Walls and beams are free from protruding nails.
- YES · NO · N/A · Fuses or circuit breakers are the proper size.
- YES · NO · N/A · Rubbish & flammable materials are in covered metal cans.
- YES · NO · N/A · Wastepaper is kept away from furnace and stairs.

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Living Room and Dining Room

- YES · NO · N/A · Furniture is placed to allow easy passage in an emergency.
- YES · NO · N/A · Before bedtime, furniture placement is checked for orderliness.
- YES · NO · N/A · Furniture and woodwork solid, in good repair, and free from splinters and rough spots.
- YES · NO · N/A · Fireplace screen fits snugly.
- YES · NO · N/A · Rugs are fastened or laid on non-slip pads.
- YES · NO · N/A · Rugs are kept from curling at their edges.
- YES · NO · N/A · Wax on floors is thoroughly buffed.
- YES · NO · N/A · Fire in fireplace is extinguished at bedtime.
- YES · NO · N/A · Candles are in stable holders and fully extinguished after use, before bedtime, or before leaving home.

Bathroom (check each one)

- YES · NO · N/A · Tub and shower are equipped with strong handholds.
- YES · NO · N/A · Tub floor has non-slip surface.
- YES · NO · N/A · Poisons and dangerous chemicals are marked, sealed shut in original containers, and out of reach of children.
- YES · NO · N/A · Medicines are out of reach of children in childproof containers.
- YES · NO · N/A · No one takes medicine in the dark.

Bedroom (check each one)

- YES · NO · N/A · Smoke alarm has fresh battery or secure electrical connection & is tested regularly.
- YES · NO · N/A · Carbon monoxide detector has fresh battery or secure electrical connection and is tested regularly.
- YES · NO · N/A · Furniture placement for clear passage between bed and door.
- YES · NO · N/A · Light switch or lamp is within easy reach from bed.
- YES · NO · N/A · A night-light illuminates bedroom or hall.
- YES · NO · N/A · Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use.
- YES · NO · N/A · Bar across upper bunk beds helps prevent falls.
- YES · NO · N/A · Children are taught not to lean against windows or screens.
- YES · NO · N/A · Low sill windows have sturdy screens to prevent children from falling out.
- YES · NO · N/A · Smoking in bed is prohibited.
- YES · NO · N/A · Gas and electric heating devices are turned off at bedtime.

Nursery

- YES · NO · N/A · Bars on cribs are closely spaced – no more than 2 3/8" apart so baby's head cannot slip between them.
- YES · NO · N/A · Crib is approved by Consumer Products or similar.
- YES · NO · N/A · Crib is free from sharp edges or corners.
- YES · NO · N/A · Crib does not have a "drop" side.
- YES · NO · N/A · Sleeping garments and covers keep baby warm without danger of smothering.
- YES · NO · N/A · Pillows are kept out of bassinet or crib.

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- YES · NO · N/A · No thin, plastic material is in or near the crib.
- YES · NO · N/A · No toys or objects in or near the crib or within reach of any child under 3 are less than 1 inch in diameter and 2 inches long.
- YES · NO · N/A · No toys or objects have small parts that can be removed.
- YES · NO · N/A · Children are taught not to give marbles, etc. to younger children.
- YES · NO · N/A · Toys are sturdy, do not come apart easily, & have no sharp edges or points.
- YES · NO · N/A · Nontoxic paint is used on baby furniture and toys.
- YES · NO · N/A · All houseplants are nonpoisonous.

Stoves, Furnaces, and Heaters

- YES · NO · N/A · Stoves are away from curtains.
- YES · NO · N/A · Stoves & furnace pipes and flues are inspected & cleaned annually.
- YES · NO · N/A · Gas burners are properly adjusted and free from leaks.
- YES · NO · N/A · Gas water and space heaters are equipped with vents or flues.
- YES · NO · N/A · Water heater or boiler has a safety valve & is checked yearly.
- YES · NO · N/A · Water heater temperature is set below 120 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce the risk of serious burns.
- YES · NO · N/A · Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts.
- YES · NO · N/A · Insulating shield protects woodwork within 18" of furnace, etc.
- YES · NO · N/A · Keep flammable materials away from stoves, furnaces, etc.
- YES · NO · N/A · A wrench is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line.
- YES · NO · N/A · The flue is opened before using the fireplace.

Porch, Yard, and Garage

- YES · NO · N/A · Railings and banisters are sound and inspected periodically.
- YES · NO · N/A · Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow.
- YES · NO · N/A · Yard/play space are free from holes, stones, glass, etc.
- YES · NO · N/A · Tools and dangerous articles are out of reach of children.
- YES · NO · N/A · Dangerous products & chemicals are kept in original containers in locked storage areas.
- YES · NO · N/A · Wires and low fences are brightly painted or clearly marked.
- YES · NO · N/A · Wells, cisterns, and pits are kept securely covered.
- YES · NO · N/A · Disposable materials are not burned outside.
- YES · NO · N/A · An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons, etc.
- YES · NO · N/A · Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards.

Workshop

- YES · NO · N/A · Good ventilation exists, especially when sanding or painting.
- YES · NO · N/A · Safety goggles or face mask, and hearing protection are worn when working with or around power tools, and an appropriate eyewash is available.
- YES · NO · N/A · Baking soda is kept handy to neutralize acid burns.
- YES · NO · N/A · All electrical tools are either grounded with three-wire plugs or are double-insulated.

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- YES · NO · N/A · Work area is well lit & free of clutter, scraps, rags.
- YES · NO · N/A · All tools have a place & are in their place.
- YES · NO · N/A · Guards are in place on all power tools.
- YES · NO · N/A · A push stick is available for use with power saws.
- YES · NO · N/A · Tools are unplugged when not in use and before changing blades, servicing or repairing.

Electrical Devices and Fixtures

- YES · NO · N/A · Electrical fixtures and appliances are located & used beyond arm's length of the sink, stove, tub, shower, or other grounded metal unless outlet is protected by a ground-fault interrupter.
- YES · NO · N/A · Do not touch electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands.
- YES · NO · N/A · Disconnect seldom-used appliances when not in use.
- YES · NO · N/A · Household appliances are disconnected before repairs.
- YES · NO · N/A · Light bulbs are installed in all lamp sockets.
- YES · NO · N/A · All pull-type sockets have an insulating link.
- YES · NO · N/A · Frayed or worn electric cords are promptly replaced.
- YES · NO · N/A · Long trailing cords are not in evidence.
- YES · NO · N/A · Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors, and furniture.
- YES · NO · N/A · UA-approved extension cords are the proper size.
- YES · NO · N/A · Children are taught never to touch electric sockets or fixtures.
- YES · NO · N/A · Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed.
- YES · NO · N/A · Circuit breakers are labeled and not overloaded.

For Emergency

- YES · NO · N/A · Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.).
- YES · NO · N/A · Be able to find water, gas, & electric shutoffs. Check annually.
- YES · NO · N/A · First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross.
- YES · NO · N/A · Know basic first aid procedures.
- YES · NO · N/A · Have a fire escape plan from your home.
- YES · NO · N/A · Emergency water supply.
- YES · NO · N/A · Handheld flashlights readily available.
- YES · NO · N/A · In earthquake-prone areas, make sure that the water heater and bookcases are bolted to the walls.

General

- YES · NO · N/A · Home has smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, with at least one smoke detector in each bedroom, near the kitchen, and in the basement & garage.
- YES · NO · N/A · Everything has a place and is in its place.
- YES · NO · N/A · Stepladders are in good repair and stored out of the way.
- YES · NO · N/A · Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened.
- YES · NO · N/A · Guns are stored unloaded and in locked cases.
- YES · NO · N/A · Guns and ammunition are stored separately.

