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Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

The Town of Atlantic Beach Fire Department gladly performs Home Fire Safety Inspections at the home owner's request. **This service is provided to you at no cost.** We continue to strive for our goal of a fire-safe community through teamwork between our Inspection staff and the citizens of our community. The following checklist is provided to aid you and your family in helping achieve that goal and keeping your home safe.

Smoking Habits

- Does anyone in your family smoke?
- Are all matches and lighters kept out of children's reach?
- Is "NO SMOKING IN BED" a rule of the house?
- Is your family aware that ash trays should NEVER be emptied into waste baskets?
- Are there plenty of large, safe ash trays throughout the house?
- Do you check for smoldering cigarette butts in the furniture?

Electrical Hazards

- Are appliances checked periodically for good operating conditions?
- Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails?
- When using extension cords for appliances, does the gauge of both cords match?
- Are electrical outlets overloaded?

Housekeeping

- Do you keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages and yards?
- Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers?
- Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?
- Have you made it a rule to NEVER use flammable liquids for cleaning clothes or starting fires?
- Are oily rags kept in a tightly sealed container?
- Is your clothes dryer vent clean and properly installed?

Heating & Cooking

- If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it?
- Is the filter for your forced air heater changed yearly and the venting cleaned?
- Are furnaces and wood stoves in good repair and located away from combustible walls and ceilings?

- Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked annually?
- Do you make sure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater, or fireplace?
- Do your children keep a safe distance from flame and heat sources?

Smoke Alarms

- Have you installed a smoke alarm outside of every sleeping area or in every bedroom on each floor?
- Do you test your smoke alarm(s) every month?
- Do you replace the battery of your battery operated smoke alarm every year?

Fire Escape Plan

- Does your family have a fire escape plan prepared?
- Is your escape plan posted and regularly practiced?
- Does each bedroom have TWO exits?
- Do you have a meeting place so you will know everyone is outside and safe?
- Are emergency response numbers posted on all telephones?
- Is your address on or near your telephone?
- Do all family members know how to dial 9-1-1 for fire, police, or medical emergencies?
- Do you show your babysitter/guests your escape routes and review 9-1-1 with him/her?
- Does your family/guests know the first rule in fire emergencies?
GET EVERYONE OUT FAST AND DON'T GO BACK INSIDE!

Fire Extinguishers

- Do you have a UL or FM approved fire extinguisher in your home?
- Do you take it out two times a year and shake it to keep powder from packing?

Outside

- Have all dried grass cuttings, tree trimmings and weeds been removed from your property?
- Can you see your house number from the street?

If you would like, you may request a free Home Fire Safety Inspection by our staff by calling the Atlantic Beach Fire Marshal's Office at 252-726-7361.