PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST
FOR ONE & TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

PLAN TO GET OUT ALIVE

. Do you have a home fire escape plan with a pre-determined location to meet outside?  

. Is there at least one smoke alarm, on each floor, in your home?  

. Do you test your smoke alarms monthly?  

. Is the battery replaced yearly?  

. Is your smoke alarm less than 10 years old?  

PLAN TO BE FIRE SAFE

. Do you make sure matches and smoking materials are out before disposing of them?  

. Is "No Smoking in Bed" a rule in your home?  

. Do you read the warning labels on aerosol cans? - some propellants are highly flammable.  

. If you have a family member using oxygen at home, do you prohibit smoking in the same room with oxygen equipment?  

ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

. Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?  

. Do you have special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as air conditioners?  

. Are all extension and appliance cords checked frequently for wear?  

. Do you avoid draping wires and extension cords over pipes or nails?  

HOUSEKEEPING HAZARDS

. Do you keep your basement, closets, and attic cleared of combustible materials?  

. If you store paint, varnish, etc., do you keep the metal containers tightly closed?  

. Has everyone in your family been warned never to use gasoline or other flammable fluids for cleaning anything indoors?  

HEATING AND COOKING HAZARDS

. Do you always turn off portable heaters when you go to bed?  

. Do you always refill the fuel tank of your portable heaters outdoors?  

. Do you see that every portable heater is placed well away from curtains, bedding, furniture, etc.?  

. Is your kitchen range, including the oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?  

. Are curtains near kitchen ranges and heating equipment arranged so that curtains do not blow over or near the stove?  

. Does your family’s everyday cooking habits include not leaving food on the stove unattended and keeping pot handles turned in from the stove’s edge?  

SPECIAL FOR PARENTS

. Do you keep matches out of the reach of children?  

. Do you leave a responsible person with your children when you go out (even for a short period of time)?  

. When you employ a babysitter, do you instruct them what to do in case of fire or medical emergency?  

. Do you keep candles away from children, combustibles and never leave candles unattended or burning while sleeping?  

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