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**ADULT FAMILY CARE/ADULT EMERGENCY SHELTER CARE
FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

(Answer all the following questions about your home)

Home fires in the United States number over 1,000 a day. This checklist is designed to help you assess how safe your home is from fire. Have the whole family join in the process of reviewing these questions and checking for fire hazards in your home. Complete the form to show what you find. In most instances, a NO response points to a fire hazard.

Section I

Yes No

Yes No

Matches and Careless Smoking Hazards

Do you keep matches away from sources of heat such as stoves and heaters? [] []

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

Do you have plenty of large, non-combustible ash trays in every room? [] []

Is "No Smoking in Bed" a rule in your home? [] []

Are there enough electrical outlets in each room of your home to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords? [] []

If there are not a sufficient number of outlets, are the extension cords being used of the heavy duty type? [] []

Are all extension cords in the open (not run under rugs, over hooks, through partitions, or through door openings)? [] []

Section II

Electrical Hazards

When you buy electrical equipment, extension cords, appliances, televisions, and other electrical devices, do you always look for the UL label of Underwriters Laboratory, Inc.? [] []

Are you using the correct light bulbs in lamps with shades (no more than 100 watts)? [] []

Are there proper heat controls on your electric iron and all other electrical appliances including those used for cooking? [] []

Do you allow only qualified electricians to install or extend wiring in your home? [] []

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Yes No

Do you have special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as stoves and clothes dryers? [] []

Do you use only 15 amp fuses for your household lighting circuits? [] []

Do you insert pennies or aluminum foil behind fuses in your breaker box to by-pass the fuse? [] []

Section III

Housekeeping Hazards

Do you keep your basement, closets and attic cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture, and other combustible odds & ends? [] []

If you use an oil mop, do you keep it in a well ventilated place where it will not catch fire by spontaneous heating? [] []

After using oily polishing rags or waste, do you destroy them or place them in a covered metal container? [] []

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

If you burn coal or wood, do you put the ashes in a metal container that is clear of wood floors and partitions? [] []

Yes No

Has everyone in your family been warned never to use gasoline, benzine or other flammable fluids for cleaning clothes, furnishings or floors? [] []

Section IV

Heating and Cooking Hazards

If you use oil heat, is your equipment listed by UL, Underwriters Laboratory, Inc.? [] []

If you use gas heat, is your equipment listed by UL, Underwriters Laboratory, Inc.? [] []

Before the heating season begins each year do you have your heating system inspected and serviced? [] []

Are all flue pipes, vent connectors, gas vents, and chimneys inspected each fall and cleaned and repaired as necessary? [] []

Have you eliminated all vent connectors and flue pipes that pass through attics, floors and ceilings? [] []

Have you installed at least one fire extinguisher in your home, preferably in the kitchen? [] []

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Are walls, ceilings and partitions that are near heating and cooking equipment either adequately separated from these sources of heat or protected by non-combustible insulation?	[]	[]
Are wood floors under stoves and heaters protected by insulation or ventilated air space?	[]	[]
Is your stove, including oven and broiler, kept clean of grease?	[]	[]
Are all heaters set level and placed out of the way of traffic?	[]	[]
Do you use portable oil or gas heaters?	[]	[]
Since gas and oil heaters use oxygen as they burn, do you always keep a door or window slightly opened in any room where this type of heater is being used?	[]	[]
Are sources of heat placed well away from curtains, bedding, furniture, and other combustible materials?	[]	[]
Are the gas connections for gas appliances made of metal?	[]	[]

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
If you have a basement, is the inside door at the top of the basement stairs properly fitted and kept closed at night?	[]	[]
Has everyone in the family been warned never to use kerosene or other flammable liquids to start a fire in the stove, fireplace or furnace?	[]	[]
Is the area immediately in front of or next to a fireplace, coal or wood burning stove free of combustible materials?	[]	[]
Is every fireplace and/or wood burning stove equipped with a sturdy metal fire screen?	[]	[]

Section V

Yard and Garage Hazards

Do you keep your yard cleared of leaves, debris, and combustible rubbish?	[]	[]
If any of the surrounding property is vacant, have weeds, dry leaves and rubbish been cleared off?	[]	[]
If you keep gasoline for use in a power mower or other outdoor equipment, is it stored in a strong metal safety-type container with self closing caps on the openings?	[]	[]

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Yes No

Yes No

If your garage is attached to the house, is it separated by a tight fitting door which is kept closed? [] []

Do you have a smoke alarm near the entrance to each bedroom in your home? (See note at bottom of this page) [] []

Section VI

Emergency Procedures

Do you know the location of the fire alarm nearest your home? [] []

Do you know how to report a fire? [] []

Do you know the telephone number for the Fire Department or have it posted in a prominent location? [] []

Have you worked out a plan of escape from every room in your home, especially the bedrooms? [] []

If you have a fire escape plan, have you practiced that escape plan by holding fire drills in your home? [] []

Section VII

Special Considerations - Children at Home

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 little while? [] []

When you employ a sitter, do you instruct them carefully about what to do in case of fire? [] []

Children learn by example as well as instruction. In regard to fire safety, do you always set a good example? [] []

Important Note: State Fire Marshall Code requires that there be a self-contained, battery operated smoke alarm near the entrance to every bedroom in the home.

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