

Heating Sources Fire Safety Checklist

Wood Stoves		Yes	No
1.	The wood stove or fireplace has been installed according to existing building codes and manufacturer's instructions.	___	___
2.	The chimney and stovepipe are checked frequently during the heating season for creosote buildup and are cleaned when necessary.	___	___
3.	The stove sits on a non-combustible or on a code-specified or listed floor protector.	___	___
4.	Combustibles such as curtains, chairs, firewood, etc., are at least three feet away from the stove.	___	___
5.	Only proper fuel is used in the stove.	___	___
6.	A metal container with a tight-fitting lid is used for ash removal.	___	___
Kerosene Heaters		Yes	No
1.	Only 1-K kerosene is used and it is bought from a dealer who can certify that the product is 1-K kerosene.	___	___
2.	The heater is placed out of the path of traffic areas such as doorways and hallways.	___	___
3.	Kerosene is stored outdoors, and out of the reach of children in a tightly sealed, preferably blue plastic or metal container, labeled "kerosene."	___	___
4.	No attempt is to be made to move the heater if flare-up (flames outside the heater cabinet) occurs. The fire department is called immediately.	___	___
5.	The heater is used in well ventilated rooms.	___	___
6.	The heater is turned off while sleeping and is never left operating unattended.	___	___
7.	The heater is placed at least three feet away from anything that might catch fire such as clothing, furniture, curtains, etc.	___	___
Gas-Fired Space Heaters		Yes	No
1.	Only vented heaters are installed or used in sleeping quarters.	___	___
2.	Vented heaters are properly vented to the outside.	___	___
3.	The unvented gas-fired room heater has a warning label and instructions that are followed.	___	___
4.	The unvented gas-fired room heater has a label stating it has a "pilot safety system", which turns off the gas if not enough fresh air is available.	___	___
5.	The vented heater has a label stating that it is equipped with a vent safety shutoff system.	___	___
6.	If the heater uses liquefied petroleum (LP) gas, the container is located outside the house.	___	___
7.	The manufacturer's instructions for lighting the pilot are followed.	___	___
8.	Matches are lighted before turning on the gas if pilot lighting is required.	___	___
9.	Flammable materials and liquids are kept away from gas heating appliances.	___	___

Portable Electric Heaters		Yes	No
1.	The heater is operated at least three feet away from upholstered furniture, drapes, bedding and other combustible materials.	___	___
2.	The extension cord (if used) is marked #14 or #12 American Wire Gauge (AWG).	___	___
3.	The heater is used on the floor.	___	___
4.	The heater is turned off when family members leave the house or are sleeping.	___	___
Cooking Equipment		Yes	No
1.	The storage area above the stove is free of flammable and combustible items.	___	___
2.	Short or tight fitting sleeves, and tight fitting shirts, robes, gowns, etc., are worn while cooking.	___	___
3.	Items that could attract children (e.g. cookies and candy) are not kept above the range and are kept out of the immediate area.	___	___
4.	The stove is not left unattended when cooking especially when the burner is turned to a high setting.	___	___
Flammable Liquids		Yes	No
1.	Flammable liquids are stored in properly labeled, tightly closed non-glass containers.	___	___
2.	These products are stored away from heaters, furnaces, water heaters, ranges, and other gas appliances.	___	___
3.	Flammable liquids are stored out of reach of children.	___	___
Smoke Detectors		Yes	No
1.	At least one smoke detector is located on every floor of my home.	___	___
2.	Smoke detectors are placed near bedrooms, either on the ceiling or 6-12 inches below the ceiling on the wall.	___	___
3.	Smoke detectors are tested according to manufacturer's instructions on a regular basis (at least once a month) and are kept in working condition at all times.	___	___
4.	Batteries are replaced according to manufacturer's instructions, at least annually.	___	___
5.	Batteries are never disconnected.	___	___
6.	The detector has a distinct warning signal that can be heard whether asleep or awake.	___	___
Escape Plan		Yes	No
1.	The family has an escape plan and an alternate escape plan.	___	___
2.	Escape routes and plans are rehearsed periodically.	___	___
3.	The escape plan includes choosing a place safely outside the house where the family can meet to be sure everyone got out safely.	___	___
4.	At least two exits from each part of the house are established.	___	___
5.	The fire department number is posted on every telephone.	___	___

