



# Home Fire & Life Safety Self-Evaluation

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in Front Range Fire Rescue's Home Fire & Life Safety Self-Evaluation program. The goal of this program is to help you make your home safer from fire and preventable injuries. To complete this form, simply walk through all areas of your home and refer to the checklist below for important areas to visually inspect.

If you encounter questions while completing this self-evaluation, or if you believe a hazard exists in your home, please feel free to call us at 970-587-4464 for information and assistance.

### EXTERIOR

- Address numbers are at least four inches tall and are clearly visible from the street.
- Steps are free from clutter and trip hazards.
- Firewood is stacked at least ten feet away from the side of the house.
- All open flame cooking devices, such as charcoal grills and BBQs, are three feet away from the house.

### GENERAL

- The family has a home escape plan.
- The family completes a fire escape drill at least once per year.
- All family members know how to call 911 and the Poison Control Center.
- All matches and lighters are kept out of reach and sight of children.
- Bedrooms in upper floors have quick access to home escape ladders.
- Use night lights for the paths most commonly traveled at night.
- Use light bulbs that are the appropriate wattage for their fixtures.
- Secure throw rugs and runners so they don't become trip hazards.
- Don't run power cords underneath rugs.
- Keep hallways and stairs free of clutter.

### SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- A smoke detector is properly mounted inside every bedroom.
- A smoke detector is properly mounted outside of each bedroom and on every level of the home.
- A carbon monoxide detector is mounted outside bedrooms and on every level of the home.
- All detectors are less than ten years old.
- Hard-wired detectors have a battery back-up.
- Test smoke detectors monthly.
- Replace all back-up batteries at least annually.
- Clean smoke detectors monthly by using the wand extension on a vacuum cleaner.

### GARAGE / SHED

- All gasoline, other flammable liquids, and hazardous chemicals are stored in approved containers.
- Keep oily rags in a closed metal container.
- The garage is a great spot to place a fire extinguisher

### UTILITY ROOM

- Hot water heaters and furnaces have three feet of clearance from any combustible item or object.
- All flammable liquids and hazardous chemicals have been removed from the room.

### KITCHEN

- Appliances are clean and in good condition (i.e. electrical cords, burner elements, switches, etc.)
- All dangerous chemicals are stored out of reach and sight of children.
- A fire extinguisher is available nearby. Extinguishers should be "ABC" rated. Be familiar with how to use it before it is needed.
- Use appliances safely by unplugging them when not in use. Keep them away from the sink and stove.
- When cooking, turn pot handles in and away from other burners.
- When cooking, avoid wearing clothing with loose sleeves.
- Wipe up grease, water and other spilled liquids or food to avoid slip hazards.

### BATHROOM

- Adjust hot water heater to a safe temperature – no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Keep appliances such as hair dryers, radios, and electric shavers away from water.
- Place non-skid mats or stickers in bathtubs and showers to lower the risk of slips and falls.
- Clean up spilled water to reduce risk of slips.

### LIVING ROOM / BEDROOMS

- Fireplaces and wood stoves have metal screens or doors to contain sparks and cinders.
- A metal container is used for removal and disposal of hot ashes from the fireplace or wood stove.
- All portable heating devices have three feet of clearance from combustible items and objects.
- Electric blankets should be untucked, unfolded, and uncovered by other bedding.
- Extension cords are uncovered and not damaged. They should not be used in place of permanent wires.
- Keep electrical cords clear of walkways and stairs.
- Outlets are not overloaded.
- Never smoke in bed. Always place burned smoking material into an ashtray.