



Home Safety Checklist



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Yes

No

Do
Not
Know

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Apply

Living Room and Family Room

1. Can you turn on a light without having to walk into a dark room?
2. Are lamp, extension or phone cords out of the flow of foot traffic?
3. Are passageways in this room free from objects and clutter (papers, furniture)?
4. Are curtains and furniture at least 36 inches from baseboard heaters or portable heaters?
5. Do your carpets lie flat?
6. Do your small rugs and runners stay put (don't slide or roll up) when you push them with your foot?

Kitchen

7. Are your stove controls easy to see and use?
8. Do you keep loose fitting clothing, towels, and curtains that may catch fire away from the burners and oven?
9. Can you reach regularly used items without climbing to reach them?
10. Do you have a step stool that is sturdy and in good repair?

Bedrooms

11. Do you have working smoke detectors on the ceiling outside of bedroom doors?
12. Can you turn on a light without having to walk into a dark room?
13. Do you have a lamp or light switch within easy reach of your bed?

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| 14. Is a phone within easy reach of your bed? | | | | |
| 15. Is a light left on at night between your bed and the toilet? | | | | |
| 16. Are the curtains and furniture at least 36 inches from your baseboard heater or portable heater? | | | | |
| Bathroom | | | | |
| 17. Does your shower or tub have a non-skid surface: mat, decals, or abrasive strips? | | | | |
| 18. Does the tub/shower have a sturdy grab bar? (not just a towel rack) | | | | |
| 19. Is your hot water temperature set to 120° or lower? | | | | |
| 20. Does your floor have a non-slip surface or does the rug have a non-skid backing? | | | | |
| 21. Are you able to get off and on the toilet easily? | | | | |
| Stairways | | | | |
| 22. Is there a light switch at both the top and bottom of inside stairs? | | | | |
| 23. With the light on, can you clearly see the outline of each step as you go down the stairs? | | | | |
| 24. Do all stairways have sturdy handrails on both sides? | | | | |
| 25. Do handrails run the full length of the stairs, slightly beyond the steps? | | | | |
| 26. Are all the steps in good repair (not loose, broken, missing or worn in places)? | | | | |
| 27. Are stair coverings (rugs, treads) in good repair, without holes and not loose, torn or worn? | | | | |

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Hallways and Passageways

28. Do all small rugs or runners stay put (don't slide or roll up) when you push them with your foot?

29. Do your carpets lie flat?

30. Are all lamp, extension and phone cords out of the flow of foot traffic?

Front and Back Entrances

31. Do all entrances to your home have outdoor lights?

32. Are walkways to your entry free from cracks and holes?

Throughout Your House

33. Do you have an emergency exit plan in case of fire?

34. Do you have emergency phone numbers listed by your phone?

35. Are there other hazards or unsafe areas in your home not mentioned in this checklist that you are concerned about? If so, what?

Making Your Home Safer:

What home safety changes do you want to make?

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