

Every year, more than 3,800 Americans die in home fires. That's 10 people a day, dying in their own homes. Thousands more suffer pain and disfigurement from fire injuries. **It could happen to you and your family.**

When a fire occurs, there's no time for planning. It's important to sit down with each family member today. Inspect your home for fire hazards and make an escape plan. You must prepare because **you can survive** even a large fire in your home if you have planned and are prepared to get out quickly.

To be among the survivors, there are many fire safety things you can do. First step is to read and follow this brochure.

Inspect your home using the safety check list, practice and discuss fire safety and plan your fire escape route.

Remember, the majority of fatal fires occur at night when people are sleeping. Please remember; "Fire Prevention Saves Lives"

The Vacaville Fire Department is proud to provide this informational brochure to the citizens of this community.

This brochure is designed to provide you with Home Fire and Life Safety guidelines. We have identified many of the most common areas you should inspect in your home.

We hope our assistance has made conducting your Home Safety Inspection easy and educational.

"Your safety is very important to us"



You can request further information through the Vacaville Fire Department by contacting the Vacaville Fire Prevention Bureau at (707) 449-5482

CITY OF VACAVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



HOME FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CHECK LIST



CHECK OFF LIST

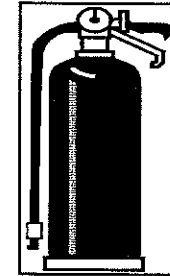
AS YOU CHECK YOUR HOME FOR HAZARDS, CHECK BOX WHEN COMPLETED.

- Test your smoke detectors each month and replace the batteries twice a year, when clocks are changed in the spring and fall.
- Check all doors and windows for exiting hazards. Make sure locks and latches are operable and open easily. Replace locks and deadbolts that require a key to open from the inside. Security bars must have quick-release mechanisms.
- Make sure electrical outlets have plate covers and are designed to handle appliance loads. Make sure any multi-plug adapters are 15 AMP capacity.
- Replace electrical cords that do not work properly, have loose connections or are frayed.
- Remove paper and other combustible materials that would block or effect the operation of vents on stereos or VCR's.

- Make sure that all matches and lighters are stored out of the reach of children.
- Clean all grease traps such as drip pans and exhaust hood in or over kitchen stoves.
- Clean your fireplace chimneys and flues at least once a year and install an approved spark arrestor.
- Install a log grate in your fireplace to prevent logs from rolling out onto the floor.
- Clean dryer lint screen before and after each use.
- Make sure portable heaters are placed at least 36 inches away from flammable materials and turn off before leaving home or going to bed.
- Store all flammable and combustible liquids and oily rags in approved metal containers and away from ignition sources such as water heaters and pilot lights.
- Make sure home address is clearly visible from front street and numerals are at least 3 inches high and contrasting in color.

- Clean all dead leaves and needles from your roof and gutters and remove any branches within 10 feet of your chimney.

RECOMMENDATIONS

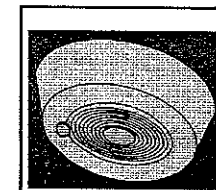


Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and garage and know how to use them properly.



Identify two exit routes out of each room* and have an emergency meeting place. Practice emergency exit drills regularly when testing smoke detectors.

* May include window as an exit



Install a smoke detector in each sleeping room and a point centrally located in hallway giving access to sleeping areas.