Woodbridge Fire Prevention

SAFETY CHECK LIST

The fire safety check list is intended to be a guide that can assist you in making your home more fire safe. It is not intended to be an all inclusive guide. Checking an area "NO" could indicate an area in need of attention.

General Fire Safety

Does your home have a fire safety plan?	Yes	No
Do family members know to dial 9-1-1 in the event of a fire or other emergency?	Yes	No
Have you conducted a family fire drill at least twice in the last year?	Yes	No
Do you have a meeting place outside your home in the event of a fire?	Yes	No
Does your home have working smoke detectors on every floor and in or near all bedrooms?	Yes	No
Do you change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year (The start and end of Daylight Savings time is an easy way to remember.)	Yes	No
Are matches and lighters kept out of reach of children?	Yes	No
Are there two exits from every room in your home?	Yes	No
Are exit routes kept clear?	Yes	No
Are house numbers visible from the street?	Yes	No
Is there a carbon monoxide detector near bedrooms or sleeping areas?	Yes	No

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Furnaces and Heaters

Is storage kept 3 feet away from the furnace and hot water Heater?	Yes	No
Are portable space heaters properly maintained and kept at least three feet from people, curtains, bedding, or furniture?	Yes	No
Are portable space heaters turned off and unplugged when you leave the room, your home, or when you are sleeping?	Yes	No
Do you have an annual inspection of your heating system? It should be cleaned and checked every year.	Yes	No
Electricity		
Are electrical cords in good condition – no cracks or fraying?	Yes	No
Do you take care that extension cords are never run under rugs, over doorways, or hooked over nails?	Yes	No
Do you avoid using extension cords whenever possible?	Yes	No
Are electrical outlets and switches maintained?	Yes	No
If necessary, do you use properly sized extension cords? (High-wattage appliances require heavy-duty cords.)	Yes	No
When the breaker "trips" or a fuse blows, do you investiga WHY it happened? Do you remove excess appliances from a breaker circuit that frequently "trips"?		No
Is space maintained around electrical equipment so that it does not over heat?	Yes	No

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Candles		
Do you extinguish candles, incense, or other scent devices when you leave the room, your home, or when you are sleeping?	Yes	No
Are candles kept one foot away from other items?	Yes	No
<u>Fireplaces</u>		
If you have a fireplace, do you utilize a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from igniting items?	Yes	No
Are combustible materials (rugs, fire starters) kept far enough away that sparks cannot ignite them?	Yes	No
Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned within the last year?.	Yes	No
Smoking safety		
Is smoking in bed prohibited in your home?	Yes	No
Do you make sure that cigarette butts, cigar ends, and pipe ashes are completely extinguished before they are placed in the garbage can or dumpster?	Yes	No
Storage Safety		
Is gasoline and other flammable liquids stored in safety cans, and kept well away from both heat and children?	Yes	No
Is propane stored outside of the home in a secure location?	Yes	No
Are chemicals stored in a safe area away from heat and Children?	Yes	No