

IN THE INTEREST OF **FIRE PREVENTION**

THE INSURANCE AGENTS ON THIS PAGE BRING YOU THIS IMPORTANT "FIRE SAFETY CHECK LIST."

DO YOUR SHARE FOR FIRE PREVENTION

Check your house for four deadly sources of fire: smoking, heating and cooking, wiring, storage.

Heating and Cooking

- Are fuel-burning space heaters and appliances properly installed and used?
- Has the family been cautioned not to use flammable liquids like gasoline to start or freshen a fire (or for cleaning purposes)?
- Is the fireplace equipped with a metal fire screen?
- Since portable gas and oil heaters and fireplaces use up oxygen as they burn, do you provide proper ventilation when they are in use?
- Are all space heaters placed away from traffic, and children and old persons cautioned to keep their clothing away? Are proper clearances provided from curtains, bedding, furniture?

Smoking

- Do you stop members of your household from smoking in bed?
- Do you check up after others to see that no butts are lodged in upholstered furniture where they can smolder unseen at night?
- Do you dispose of smoking materials carefully (not in wastebaskets) and keep large, safe ashtrays wherever people smoke?
- Are matches and lighters kept away from small children?

Wiring

- Are all electrical cords in the open - not run under rugs, over hooks, or through door openings? Are they checked routinely for wear?
- Is the right size fuse in each socket in the fuse box and do you replace a fuse with one the same size?

Storage

- Children get burned climbing on the stove to reach an item overhead. Do you store cookies, cereal, or other "bait" away from the stove?
- Do you keep basement, closets, garage, yard cleared of combustibles like papers, cartons, old furniture, oil-soaked rags?
- Are gasoline and other flammable liquids stored in closed containers (never glass jugs, discarded bleach bottles or other makeshift containers) and away from heat, sparks, and children?
- Are old paint-laden brushes disposed of? Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers?

Household Hazards Requiring a Serviceman

- Are furnace, stove, and smokepipes far enough away from combustible walls and ceilings and in good repair?
- Is your heating equipment checked yearly by a serviceman?
- Is the chimney cleaned and checked regularly?
- For safety against chimney and other sparks, is the roof covering fire retardant?
- Are there enough electrical outlets in every room, and special circuits for heavy-duty appliances such as space heaters and air conditioners?
- Do you have a qualified electrician install or extend your wiring?
- Do all your appliances carry the seal of a nationally known safety testing laboratory such as Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM)?



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