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

# TU YOUR SHARE FOR FIRE PREU

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, oilsoaked 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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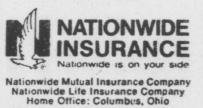
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