



# Houston Fire Department Voluntary Home Fire Safety Check List



Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

- Y N Fire Safety Issues:**
- Smoke detector(s) present? How many? \_\_\_\_\_
- Smoke detector(s) working?  
Date of last battery change: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- Carbon Monoxide Detector(s) present?
- Carbon Monoxide Detector(s) working?  
Date of last battery change: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- Space heater(s) present?
- Space heater(s) being used properly (3 ft. away from flammables curtains, papers, placed on the floor etc.)?
- Condition of space heater(s)  
 Good     Poor     Replace
- Extension cords being used properly (not placed under rugs, near wet areas etc.)

**Extension cords are not to be used with space heaters!**  
Extension cords can easily overheat and cause a fire!

- Y N**
- Candles present?
- Candles being used properly (proper candle holders, not left burning etc.)?
- Fire extinguisher present?
- Date of last extinguisher inspection: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- Fire extinguisher fully charged?
- Proper type of fire extinguisher?
- Is resident capable of using fire extinguisher?

- Y N Storage Issues:**
- Flammable materials stored properly?
- Are flammable materials stored too close to water heater?

- Y N Kitchen Issues:**
- Is the stove/oven being used to heat the house?
- Cooking Practices-**
- Never leaves food cooking
- Rangetop and oven are clean of grease & debris
- Pot handles properly positioned when cooking?
- Barbeque grills in use?
- Grills always used outside?
- Grills are supervised at all times when in use?
- If gas grill, have the gas lines been checked for leaks?
- Is propane being properly stored?

- Y N Other Fire Safety Issues:**
- Does the resident smoke?
- Are ashtrays emptied regularly?
- Are matches/lighters put away out of childrens' reach?
- Is there smoking in the bedroom?
- Does the home have burglar bars?
- Lever release
- Key- Place key near bars to make it easier to find and use in case of an emergency.
- Bolted (no release mechanism)
- Are there two ways out of each room and the home?
- Are exits easily accessible and free of debris and clutter?

## HOME SAFETY SURVEY

Please help the Houston Fire Department help you by taking a few minutes to complete this survey. When completed you may mail your survey to: Houston Fire Department Public Affairs, 500 Jefferson, 16th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or fax it to 713-646-5321. Thank you.

- How was your experience with the Houston Fire Department?:  Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied  Very Dissatisfied
- Were your fire safety needs met?:  Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied  Very Dissatisfied
- Was the fire safety information easy to understand?  Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied  Very Dissatisfied

**Your Comments** (please use an additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_