



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Risk Reduction Division

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RESIDENTIAL FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY PROGRAM

Fire and Life Safety Evaluation Items

Smoke Detectors

- o Operable smoke detectors inside all sleeping areas
- o Replace smoke detector batteries every 6 months
- o Replace smoke detectors every 10 years

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- o Should be located on each level of the home
- o Replace carbon monoxide detector every 7 years

Fire extinguisher

- o Easily accessible
- o Charged and ready to operate
- o P.A.S.S.—Pull, Aim at the Base, Squeeze, Sweep

Escape Plan

- o Ensure doors and windows are operable
- o Have two ways out of all rooms
- o Create and practice an escape plan

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- o Operable GFCI's in bathroom/kitchen areas
- o Electrical cords don't run under rugs
- o Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked
- o Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets
- o Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean

House number are posted on exterior of residence facing the road

- o Minimum size of 3" numbers

Heating Safety

- o Flammable objects are at least 3 feet from heating sources (fireplaces and heaters)
- o Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire
- o Extension cords are never used with space heaters
- o Heaters should have a "Tip Over Shut-off Function"
- o Chimney and Furnaces are cleaned and inspected annually

Cooking Fire Safety

- o Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire
- o Kitchen stove is clean and vented outside
- o Pots are not left unattended on the stove

Candle Safety

- o Candles are in sturdy, fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over
- o All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room
- o Children and pets are never left unattended with candles

Smoking Safety

- o Family members who smoke cigarettes should smoke outside
- o Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight
- o Ashtrays are secure and away from items that can catch fire
- o Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn

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