



City of Abbotsford FIRE RESCUE SERVICE

Making a difference in our community through prevention, response and safety.

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

ESCAPE PLANNING

- Family/residents have prepared/practiced a home fire escape plan and meeting place
- Everyone knows two exits from each bedroom or sleeping area
- Entrances are free and clear of obstructions
- Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency
- Everyone knows to get out and stay out. No one goes back inside

DETECTORS

- There are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home
- Smoke/carbon monoxide alarms are tested once per month
- Batteries are replaced yearly
- You can hear all alarms in the home, especially in sleeping areas
- Smoke alarms more than 10 years old are replaced

KITCHEN

- Cooking is never left unattended
- There is an ABC fire extinguisher near the kitchen

LIVING AREAS

- Cracked/worn electrical cords are replaced as needed, do not run under rugs/carpet
- Electrical outlets are not overloaded
- Gas and or wood fireplaces have screens
- Gas appliances are inspected annually
- Candles are extinguished when you leave a room

BEDROOMS

- Bedroom doors are closed at night
- Windows open easily
- Second and third-level bedrooms have escape ladders

BASEMENT

- The furnace and Hot Water Tank are clear of obstructions and combustibles
- No flammables are stored in the furnace room
- Clean lint from the dryer vent after each use

GARAGE

- Gasoline is stored in an approved container in the shed, NOT in an attached garage
- Used rags are stored in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid
- A fire extinguisher is stored in the garage
- No car is ever left idling in the garage

Prizes for the Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist contest are sponsored by Co-Operators, Panago Pizza, and Canadian Tire:



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