

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD. FIRE / EMS DEPARTMENT

TIPsheet

Operation Safe Families



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PGFD/EMS DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICE AT 301-883-5250



Residential Fire and Life Safety Awareness

The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department wishes to remind our Residents and Citizens to inspect your residence for any hazard that could impact on you and your family's safety. The following check sheet will allow you to look for hidden hazards to your residence. If you find problems you need to address them right away, and if you cannot please ensure that you seek a professional to help you.

- YES NO House Numbers:** Are they clearly displayed and viable from the street.
- YES NO Yard & Green Space:** Is your yard clear of any obstacle that could impede or block you from exiting your residence in case of an emergency. Can the Fire or Police Departments gain access in case of an emergency? To ensure good house keeping discard any trash/debris in and around your home.
- YES NO Exit Doors & Windows:** Do all exit doors and windows operate properly.
- YES NO Home Escape Plan:** Every residence should have a home escape plan. Practiced and reviewed by your whole family and any out of town guest that you might have. Are there TWO exits out of each room?
- YES NO Smoke Alarms:** Do you have a working SMOKE ALARM on each floor of your residence. Please check them every month and change your Batteries every 6 months and completely change out your smoke alarm every 10 years and install the newer 10 year sealed alarm. And if you're SMOKE ALARM is hard wired you need a battery operated smoke alarm as a back up.
- YES NO Kitchen Appliances:** Are all of your kitchen appliances in good working condition. Remember also to keep all appliances clean. If your stove or cooking vent has excessive buildup make sure that you clean it right away.
- YES NO Fire Extinguisher:** Is your residence equipped with a fully operational ABC Fire Extinguisher.
- YES NO Furnace & Heating Devices:** Are they all in good working order. Inspect them every 6 months. If your home has space heaters remember to keep them on a level floor. Ensure that all combustibles are removed at least 3 feet away. And make sure that you follow all manufacture instructions.
- YES NO Electric Panels:** Inspect your electric panels in your residence. If you find them hot to the touch seek professional assistance as you might have a problem. Properly working electric panels will be cool to the touch.
- YES NO Hazardous Products:** We highly recommend that you keep all hazardous/flammable/combustible solvents in a metal fire proof cabinet and that all gasoline/propane/kerosene products are stored outside.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local fire station or call 301-583-2200 for assistance.

**NEED A SMOKE ALARM OR A HOME SAFETY CHECKUP?
CALL US AT 311 COUNTY CLICK or 301-864-SAFE!**