

Home Safety Checklist

Mission Fire Rescue Service

Exterior

- House number visible from street
- Rubbish and yard debris removed from around home and on roof

Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Space heaters 3 feet from combustibles
- Clutter kept away from heaters
- Furnace filters replaced annually
- Lint free behind clothes dryer
- Spark screen for fireplace
- Chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Dispose of ashes in metal container

Electrical

- Avoid overloading outlets
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not track cords to the wall or under carpet/rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment, TV, computer, etc.
- Use built in circuit breaker power bars

Flammable Liquids

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight fitting lids and ID labels, store away from heat source
- Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids
- Put oily rags in containers with tight fitting lids not in a pile

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- When barbequing, move unit away from the house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

Smoking Materials & Candles

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the center support feature
- Empty ashtrays into a metal container only
- Never smoke in bed
- Place candles in sturdy holders that are noncombustible
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children

Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside of every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test smoke alarms once a month
Tip: Use broom handle to push test button
- Replace smoke alarm batteries semi-annually
Tip: Use daylight savings time as a reminder
- Replace smoke alarm units every ten years

Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher
P.A.S.S. Pull pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep
- Inspect extinguishers annually

Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan and practice with your family
- Have two exits from every room and a meeting place outside
- Crawl low under smoke
- Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire
- Teach your family how to call 9-1-1 (give name, location and type of emergency)

**For more information and additional resources
visit Mission Fire Rescue Service online at
www.mission.ca/fire
or call 604-820-3793**