

Amity Township
Fire Marshal's Office
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Douglassville, PA 19518-8971



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HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Please take the time to print and complete this short Home Safety Checklist. If you circle "NO", this indicates a potential fire risk and should be addressed immediately. If you have any questions, please call Amity Township Fire Marshal at 484-516-7455 or e-mail the Fire Marshal at firemarshal@amitypd.org.

Smoke Alarms and Fire Escape Planning:

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| Have you installed a smoke alarm inside every sleeping area and outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on each additional story? This includes the basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics" | Yes/No |
| Do you test your smoke alarms every month? | Yes/No |
| Do you change your smoke alarm batteries twice a year (when the time changes)? | Yes/No |
| Does your family have a fire escape plan? | Yes/No |
| Is your plan posted and regularly practiced? | Yes/No |
| Does your plan indicate clear exits from every room? | Yes/No |
| Does your plan have a meeting place, so everyone knows where to go? | Yes/No |
| Do all family members know how and when to dial 9-1-1 for emergencies? | Yes/No |
| Do you show your babysitters/guests your home escape routes and review 9-1-1 with them? | Yes/No |
| Does your family know the first rule in fire emergencies: to GET OUT AND STAY OUT? | Yes/No |
| Does your family know how to crawl to safety in order to reduce smoke inhalation? | Yes/No |

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Fire Extinguishers:

Do you have at least two UL or FM approved ABC fire extinguishers in your home? Yes/No

Do you take them out twice a year, shake them and ensure they are properly charged? Yes/No

Cooking and Heating Sources:

Do you make it a rule to never leave cooking unattended? Yes/No

Do you keep a fire extinguisher nearby for minor emergencies, just in case? Yes/No

Do you keep children and pets at least 3-feet from flame and heat sources? Yes/No

When cooking, do you keep pot handles turned inward to prevent burning? Yes/No

Do you ensure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater or fireplace? Yes/No

Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked annually? Yes/No

If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it? Yes/No

Electrical Hazardous

Are appliances checked periodically for good operating conditions? Yes/No

Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails? Yes/No

Do you ensure electrical outlets are not overloaded? Yes/No

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Smoking Hazardous

- Are all matches and lighters kept out of children's reach? Yes/No
- Is NO SMOKING IN BED a rule of the house? Yes/No
- Is your family aware that ashtrays should NEVER be emptied into the wastebaskets? Yes/No
- Are there plenty of large, safe ashtrays throughout the house? Yes/No
- Do you make it a rule to never throw cigarette butts on the ground or out of car windows? Yes/No

Housekeeping:

- Do you keep attics, garages and yards clear of rubbish? Yes/No
- Are paints and oily rags kept in tightly sealed metal containers? Yes/No
- Are flammable liquids, like gasoline, stored safely and kept away from heat and children? Yes/No
- Do you ensure to NEVER use flammable liquids for cleaning clothes or starting fires? Yes/No
- Do you ensure you don't run your washing machine or dryer when you are not home? Yes/No
- Is your clothes dryer vent clean and properly installed? Yes/No

Outside the Home:

- Have you removed all dried grass cuttings, tree trimmings and weeds from your property? Yes/No
- Can you see your house number clearly from the street? Yes/No

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this Home Fire Safety Checklist!
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