

RUBBISH WASTE AND ASHES

- 1) Rubbish is a starting place for fire. Is rubbish regularly cleared out of attics, cupboards, and from under the stairs? **YES / NO**
- 2) Is the burning of rubbish carried out in a safe place? **YES / NO**
- 3) Are ashes put in a covered metal container, if possible, outside the house? **YES / NO**

SMOKING

- 1) Are there plenty of ashtrays in the house? **YES / NO**
- 2) Do you smoke your last cigarette before going to bed and *never* in bed, and do you make sure it is safely stubbed out? **YES / NO**

CARE OF OLD PEOPLE

- 1) Many accidents in the home involve old people. Do you try to impress the need for care and supervision of Elderly relatives to make sure that they do not accidentally start a fire? **YES / NO**

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

- 1) A closed door checks fire by limiting its supply of oxygen. Do you take the precaution of closing the living room door and all the other downstairs doors before going to bed? **YES / NO**
- 2) Special occasions bring special risks. Do you think of possible fire risks (e.g. flammable decorations and party dresses or lights on Christmas trees) before Christmas and other festive occasions? **YES / NO**
- 3) Do you disconnect gas cylinders and turn off all electrical appliances before leaving your home each day? **YES / NO**
- 4) Do you disconnect gas cylinders and turn off electricity at the mains before going on holiday? **YES / NO**
- 5) Do you take special care with bathroom heaters? These must be well guarded and in a safe position. Electric heaters must be fitted out of reach for there is danger of shock. **YES / NO**

You should be able to answer "yes" to all the questions: if there are any "no's", take action now to put matters right

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CHECKLIST FOR FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

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IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT

- 1) Do you know that your first duty if fire breaks out is to get everyone out of the house and call the Fire Brigade? **YES / NO**
- 2) Do you also know that there is no charge for the services of the Fire Brigade? **YES / NO**
- 3) Does everyone in your family know how to call the Fire Brigade? **YES / NO**
- 4) Your own efforts at fire fighting may not be successful and fire may spread very rapidly. Do you realize, therefore, that fire fighting should not be attempted until the Fire Brigade has been called and then only if there is no risk to yourself? **YES / NO**
- 5) Have you thought how you and your family can most safely escape from your home? **YES / NO**
- 6) Do you know that it is best to keep the door of the room in which fire is believed to have broken out shut? **YES / NO**
- 7) An ordinary wooden door will keep out fire for a while. Do you know that if you are trapped by fire the best thing to do is to go into a room, shut the door, put a blanket or carpet at the bottom of the door to keep out smoke and call for help from the window? **YES / NO**

IN THE KITCHEN

- 1) Are you careful how you hang cloths and linen around the fire or the cooker to? **YES / NO**
- 2) Do you always avoid hanging cloths and linen directly on stoves or cookers? **YES / NO**
- 3) Do you avoid placing cookers or stoves next to windows or curtains? **YES / NO**
- 4) Do you know that if fat /oil catches fire you should never try to put it out with water. Turn off the heat and smother the fire with the most readily available means, e.g., a lid, plate, or a damp cloth? Do you know that you should never leave pans of fat/ oil unattended when cooking? **YES / NO**

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

- 1) Do you make sure that young children are *never* left alone in the house? **YES / NO**
- 2) Are you always especially careful to see that children are not in any danger from fires? Are matches and lighters kept out of reach of children? **YES / NO**
- 3) Do you make sure that children do not play with electrical appliances or have access to flammable liquids? **YES / NO**

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- 1) Do you have electrical repairs and alterations carried out by a qualified electrician? **YES / NO**
- 2) Do you avoid using long flexes, especially twisted over nails and so on, and do you see that frayed flexes and cords are replaced? **YES / NO**
- 3) Have you a sufficient number of points to take all the portable electrical appliances you may need without overloading? **YES / NO**
- 4) Are you sure that fuses are only mended with fuses of the correct rating? **YES / NO**
- 5) Has your electric iron a safe stand that keeps it clear of the ironing board or table and is your iron earthed? **YES / NO**
- 6) Does someone make sure that all electrical appliances are switched off last thing at night, and unplugged? **YES / NO**

(For appliances designed for continuous operation, such as freezers, video's, clocks etc, the manufacturers instructions should be followed)

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

- 1) Do you realize that it is very dangerous to use petrol or paraffin to light or revive a fire? **YES / NO**
- 2) Do you know that petrol vapors are highly flammable and may travel quite long distances so that it is extremely dangerous to use petrol in the house for any purpose? **YES / NO**
- 3) Do you use a non-flammable cleaning fluid for clothes? **YES / NO**
- 4) Other flammable liquids which are introduced into the home include turpentine, turpentine substitute, methylated spirit and various commercial brands of paint strippers, solvents, adhesives, insecticides, polishes, lighter fuel, paints, varnishes, lacquers, stains and so on. Do you use them with care? **YES / NO**
- 5) If you have to use a flammable liquid, is the amount kept in the house less than one pint and is the liquid in a securely stoppered container in a safe place? **YES / NO**
- 6) Do you keep paraffin in closed metal containers in a safe place, which should be outside the house if possible? **YES / NO**
- 7) If you have to keep paraffin inside the house do you keep only the smallest possible quantity and not more than two gallons? **YES / NO**
- 8) Do you fill paraffin appliances well away From possible causes of fire and, outside the house? **YES / NO**

