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Residential Safety Check List

This survey does not identify future conditions such as failure of components, wiring or human behaviors which could result in a fire or other incident. The items on this form, while thorough, are not all inclusive. There may be safety issues that our personnel are not aware of or trained to handle.

Yes = Topic discussed with owner/occupant

N/A = Does not apply

Home Exterior	Yes	N/A
Address numbers are at least four inches tall and are clearly visible from the street.		
Steps and walkways are in good condition.		
Combustibles are stored away from house.		
Open-flame devices such as a grill or BBQ, minimum 10 feet; chimeneas 15 feet; fire pits are 25 feet away from buildings or other combustibles.		
General		
Family has a home fire-escape plan (with meeting place).		
Family practices home fire-escape plan at least twice a year.		
Family members know how to call 911 and the Poison Control Center number: 1-800-222-1222		
Family members know two ways out of every room.		
The home has occupant(s) who require assistance to escape. Occupants discuss escape planning and occupant requirements in case of a fire or other emergency.		
Windows used for escape open easily – not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.		
Security bars, if present, have a quick release device.		
Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.		
Matches and lighters are stored out of reach of children and/or in secure cabinet.		
Lit candles are not left unattended.		
Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantity.		
Electrical cords do not run under rugs or doors.		
Exits are clean and uncluttered.		
The house is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.		
Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarms		
Install ionization and photoelectric or dual-sensor smoke alarms.		
Smoke alarms are properly placed (not located in kitchen/bathroom/garage).		
Smoke alarms are on every level.		
A smoke alarm is in every bedroom.		
Smoke alarms are located outside each sleeping area.		
Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound (best protection).		
For larger homes (where the interior floor area on a given level is greater than 1,000 square ft), there is an average of at least 1 smoke alarm for every 500 square ft.		
Test smoke alarms monthly (demonstrate).		
Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old. (If not – replace.)		
Test smoke/carbon monoxide alarms monthly (demonstrate).		
Change smoke/carbon monoxide alarm batteries twice a year.		
Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area (best protection).		
Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.		
Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 8 years old. (If not – replace.)		

Kitchen	Yes	N/A
A fire extinguisher is available in or near the room. (ABC rated)		
Combustibles are not stored on or near the stove top.		
Small appliances are left unplugged when not in use.		
Living/Family Room/Bedrooms		
Fireplaces and wood stoves have metal screens or doors to contain sparks and cinders. Have the flue cleaned/inspected every year.		
A metal container is used for removal and disposal of hot ashes from the fireplace or wood stove.		
Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring.		
Electrical outlets are not overloaded.		
Space heaters are kept at least 3 feet away from combustibles.		
Escape ladder(s) are available for 2 nd or 3 rd story homes.		
Bathroom		
Water heater is set to a safe temperature – suggested 120 degrees Fahrenheit maximum.		
Electrical appliances are kept away from water.		
Non-skid mats or stickers, along with grab bars/handles in the bathtubs and showers, are installed to lower the risk of slips and falls.		
Garage		
All gasoline, other flammable liquids, and hazardous chemicals are stored in approved containers.		
Keep oily rags stores in closed metal containers.		
Utility Room		
Water heaters and furnaces have at least 3 feet of clearance from any combustible item or object.		
All flammable liquids and hazardous chemicals have been removed from the room.		

COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Thank you for taking the time to participate in Poudre Fire Authority’s Home Safety Survey Program.

For additional questions or concerns please call Poudre Fire Authority at (970) 221-6574 for information and assistance.