

WEST DES MOINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUICK HOME FIRE INSPECTION

Yes No

Smoke Detectors & Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. All smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors have been tested this month. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. The batteries in all smoke detectors and CO detectors have been replaced this year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Smoke detectors are cleaned out periodically and replaced every 10 years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. There are smoke detectors on every floor of the house (including the basement) and outside of every sleeping area. (This is a minimum. If you do not have any smoke detectors, please contact the West Des Moines Fire Department.) |

Yes No

Fire Extinguishers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Extinguishers' pressure gauges are checked yearly. (Needle should be in the green area of the gauge.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Extinguishers are in a visible location. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Every adult in the household knows how to properly operate the extinguishers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Fire extinguishers are inverted and tapped on the bottom periodically. (Chemicals pack down like flour over time, making it less effective.) |

Yes No

Fire Escape Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. There are two ways out of every room. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. All windows have been exercised periodically. (They open with ease.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. All persons in the household can safely egress through all designated exits. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. All doors close securely. (Can you close the door to fire?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. A predetermined meeting place has been established and practiced by all family members in case of a fire. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Escape plan practiced twice a year. |

Yes No

Electricity

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Outlets do not have more than one item per outlet. (Power strips may be used as multifunctional outlets.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. All outlets have cover plates securely fastened to the wall. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Breaker box has a cover/ door and all knockouts are filled. |

Yes No

Fireplaces, Wood Burning Stoves & Portable Heaters

1. Wood burning stoves, portable heaters and fireplaces have at least 3 feet of clearance from combustibles (ie: newspapers, plants, dry wood, etc.).
2. Wood burning stoves and fireplaces are being vented properly.
3. A trained professional has cleaned and inspected the chimney/ flue this year. (Annual cleaning/ inspection is advised.)

Yes No

Candles

1. Candles are kept out of reach of children and away from combustibles.
2. Matches and lighters are put away and are out of reach of children.
3. Never leave candles unattended.

Yes No

Furnace & Water Heater

1. A trained professional has checked it this year. (Annual check is recommended.)
2. There are no combustibles within 30 inches of the gas furnace, water heater or gas dryer.
3. A carbon monoxide (CO) detector installed.

Yes No

Smoking & Cigarettes

1. Use deep sturdy ashtrays.
2. Smokers are very careful with smoking materials.
3. Matches and lighters are out of reach of children.

Yes No

Flammable Liquids

1. Flammable liquids are stored in tight metal containers (including rags etc. that have absorbed flammable material).
2. Flammable liquids are stored well away from heat sources and pilot lights.

Yes No

House Identification

1. Address can easily be seen from the street at night.

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