

## Fire Safety Checklist:

- Smoke alarms are not older than 10 years old
- Family has and practices an escape plan
- Fire extinguishers are mounted on the wall
- Combustibles removed from heating and cooking areas
- Clothes dryer lint trap cleaned after every use



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

### Home Fire Safety Inspections

(202) 673-3331

### Fire Prevention Inspection

(202) 727-1614

### Blood Pressure Program

(202) 673-3331

### Fire Safety/Prevention Education

(202) 727-1600

### CPR Training

(202) 673-3245

### Juvenile Firesetters Program

(202) 727-2215

### DC Fire & EMS Arson Hotline

(1866) 912-7766

Or please visit our website

[fems.dc.gov](http://fems.dc.gov)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT



## FREE HOME SAFETY INSPECTIONS



## MISSION

The mission of the D.C. Fire and EMS Department Home Safety Inspection Program is to inform residents of the District of Columbia of potential hazards in their home that may cause fire or serious injury; through free home safety inspections.

## TIPS

### HOME

- ✓ Keep an updated list of emergency telephone numbers on your refrigerator.
- ✓ Keep at least one phone in a low place so that you can reach it if you are injured or so that children can reach the phone to call for help.

### SMOKE ALARMS

- ✓ Test smoke alarm at least once a month.
- ✓ Replace batteries twice a year (in the spring and fall when you reset your clocks).
- ✓ Have at least one smoke alarm on each level of the home and at least one adjacent to each bedroom.

## TIPS (Continued)

### Exit Drills In The Home (E.D.I.T.H)

- ✓ Know two ways to get out of every room.
- ✓ Have a designated safe meeting place outside the house that everyone knows.
- ✓ Call 911 from a neighbor's house. Do not call from your house.
- ✓ IF THERE IS A FIRE, GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

### Prevent Fire In Your Home

- ✓ NEVER SMOKE IN BED!
- ✓ Keep all matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- ✓ Smoking is the leading cause of medical oxygen related fires, injuries and death.
- ✓ Keep all combustibles away from sources of heat.
- ✓ Avoid the use of extension cords and replace them with surge protectors. Only use those that are UL rated and approved.
- ✓ Do not connect multiple extension cords together. Never overload wall sockets.

The District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department has a home fire safety inspection program. This program entitles every District resident (renter or home owner) to a free home fire safety inspection.

The inspections are designed solely to inform you of any potential hazards in your home that may cause fire or serious injury. They are non-binding and do not obligate recipients to fix anything or follow suggestions made by members of the D.C Fire and EMS Department. Some of the items D.C. Fire and EMS personnel will cover include, but are not limited to be as follows:

Smoke alarms	Fire extinguishers
Appliance safety	Storage hazards
Proposed escape plans	Emergency exits
Electrical wiring hazards	
Furnace/water heater safety	
Fireplace/space heater safety	

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