

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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