

# CAMDEN, ROCKLAND & ROCKPORT HOME SAFETY INITIATIVE

## Home Safety Survey Checklist

### Smoke Detectors

- | Yes                      | No                       | n/a                      |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a smoke alarm on every level of the home?                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all smoke alarms less than 10 years old?                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the alarms tested at least monthly?                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were the batteries replaced within the past year?                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a smoke alarm in every bedroom?                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a smoke alarm located outside each separate sleeping area?          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are smoke alarms located away from any cooking appliance (at least 10 feet)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are smoke alarms interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound?          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there both ionization and photoelectric alarms?                          |

### Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- | Yes                      | No                       | n/a                      |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of the home?                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the home have a carbon monoxide alarm outside of each separate sleeping area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all carbon monoxide alarms less than 7 years old?                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the alarms tested at least monthly?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Were the batteries replaced within the past year?                                  |

### Electrical

- | Yes                      | No                       | n/a                      |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all receptacle and switch faceplates installed and in good condition?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have all receptacles been tested and are in good working condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are switches are in good condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are lighting fixture canopies fastened in place and fixture is in good condition?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are flexible cords and cables not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are extension cords or outlets overloaded?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If there are young children in the home, are outlets tamper-resistant?   |

- Is the panel board and distribution equipment accessible for inspection and in good condition— no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage?
- Are service entrance raceways or cables fastened in place, grounded, readily accessible and in good condition?
- Are fuses or circuit breakers labeled for what they protect?

## Heating

Yes No n/a

- Are small heaters placed where they cannot be tipped over?
- Does the fireplace have a proper screen and hearth?
- Are things that can burn at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces?
- Is the floor beneath the woodstove protected by a noncombustible surface?
- Are ashes stored and disposed of properly?
- Is the chimney inspected every year and cleaned as needed?
- Is the woodstove inspected and maintained every year?
- Does the woodstove have proper clearances all around?

## Kitchen

Yes No n/a

- Are things that can burn removed from the stovetop?
- Are small appliances unplugged when not in use?
- Is there an adult in the kitchen whenever the stovetop is in use?
- Are fabrics and flammable items away from the stovetop?
- Is grease stored away from the stove?
- Does the occupant know how to contain a grease fire?
- Is there a working fire extinguisher handy?
- Does the occupant know how to use it?

## General

Yes No n/a

- Do the occupants have a fire escape plan?
- Do they practice it together at least twice a year?
- Does anybody need assistance escaping, and if so is somebody assigned that role?
- Do windows used for escape open easily—not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut?

- Is furniture arranged so there are clear paths for escape?
- Does the home have a sprinkler system?
- Are matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet?
- Are candles and oil lamps burned only when somebody is in the room?
- Are flammable liquids stored outside the home?
- Is the home not cluttered with extra clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn?
- Are there emergency numbers posted near phones?
- Is there a cellular phone in the bedroom?
- Is there a flashlight in the bedroom?
- Are flammable fluids stored away from heat sources?
- Is the dryer lint trap cleaned every use?

## Stairways

Yes No n/a

- Are stairways free of clutter?
- Are they well-lighted with a switch at the top and bottom?

## Basement

Yes No n/a

- Is the workshop area clean of things that can burn?
- Are things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace or boiler?
- Is the furnace or boiler inspected and cleaned annually?
- Is the clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean?
- Is there a working fire extinguisher?
- Are gas and water lines tagged for identification in case of emergency?

## Garage

Yes No n/a

- Is there a solid door between garage and residence?
- Is all gas-powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home?
- Is gasoline stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home?

## Outside the Home

- | Yes                      | No                       | n/a                      |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the outside electrical receptacles GFCI in good working condition?                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the property free of rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings?                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the barbecue grill only used outdoors?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are house numbers clearly visible on house and mail box from both directions of the road? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are shrubs and trees arranged to prevent wildfires to house?                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the drive way sufficient to accommodate emergency traffic?                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are storage buildings with combustibles away from residence?                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trash storage and dumpsters located away from buildings?                                  |

Assessment conducted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This Safety Survey is provided to the home owner or occupant as a courtesy and is not meant to be an all inclusive safety inspection. Nor is this Safety Survey meant to take the place of any insurance requirements or deem your house fire-proof and safe from danger. This Safety Survey is conducted as a fire prevention tool to help raise the homeowner's awareness of general fire safety at their residence, is for their own use, and will not be forwarded to any other entity or authority.



**WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the voluntary performance of a home fire safety inspection of my home located at \_\_\_\_\_, I, on behalf of myself, and all members of family, as well as my heirs, executors, administrators or successors, hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature that I have, or in the future may have, against any and all individual or organizational participants in the Home Safety Survey Program, including but not limited to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department, the Atlantic Engine Company #2, the Pacific Engine Company, the municipality of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ and its officers, agents or employees, arising out of said inspection, including but not limited to any claim or cause of action grows out of or results from a fire or other damage following the said home fire safety inspection, and I further hereby agree to release and hold harmless any and all organizational and individual participants including the aforesaid fire department and municipality in the Home Safety Survey Program from and against all damages of any kind, to persons or property, growing out of or resulting from a fire in my referenced home.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver and release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name) (Signature) (Date)

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Witness (print name) (Signature) (Date)