



# Houston Fire Department Voluntary Home Fire Safety Check List



Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Y N Fire Safety Issues:**

- Smoke detector(s) present? How many? \_\_\_\_\_
- Smoke detector(s) working?  
Date of last battery change: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- Carbon Monoxide Detector(s) present?
- Carbon Monoxide Detector(s) working?  
Date of last battery change: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
- Space heater(s) present?
- Space heater(s) being used properly (3 ft. away from flammables curtains, papers, placed on the floor etc.)?  
  
Condition of space heater(s)  
 Good     Poor     Replace
- Extension cords being used properly (not placed under rugs, near wet areas etc.)

**Extension cords are not to be used with space heaters!**  
Extension cords can easily overheat and cause a fire!

- Y N**
- Candles present?
  - Candles being used properly (proper candle holders, not left burning etc.)?
  - Fire extinguisher present?
  - Date of last extinguisher inspection: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_
  - Fire extinguisher fully charged?
  - Proper type of fire extinguisher?
  - Is resident capable of using fire extinguisher?

**Y N Storage Issues:**

- Flammable materials stored properly?
- Are flammable materials stored too close to water heater?

**Y N Kitchen Issues:**

- Is the stove/oven being used to heat the house?
- Cooking Practices-**
- Never leaves food cooking
  - Rangetop and oven are clean of grease & debris
  - Pot handles properly positioned when cooking?
  - Barbeque grills in use?
  - Grills always used outside?
  - Grills are supervised at all times when in use?
  - If gas grill, have the gas lines been checked for leaks?
  - Is propane being properly stored?

**Y N Other Fire Safety Issues:**

- Does the resident smoke?
  - Are ashtrays emptied regularly?
  - Are matches/lighters put away out of childrens' reach?
  - Is there smoking in the bedroom?
- Does the home have burglar bars?
- Lever release
  - Key- Place key near bars to make it easier to find and use in case of an emergency.
  - Bolted (no release mechanism)
- Are there two ways out of each room and the home?
  - Are exits easily accessible and free of debris and clutter?

**HOME SAFETY SURVEY**

Please help the Houston Fire Department help you by taking a few minutes to complete this survey. When completed you may mail your survey to: Houston Fire Department Public Affairs, 600 Jefferson, 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or fax it to 832-394-6680. Thank you.

1. How was your experience with the Houston Fire Department?:  Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied  Very Dissatisfied
2. Were your fire safety needs met?:  Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied  Very Dissatisfied
3. Was the fire safety information easy to understand?  Very Satisfied  Satisfied  Not Satisfied  Very Dissatisfied

**Your Comments** (please use an additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_