

Union Colony Fire/Rescue Authority



Fire Safety Survey Union Colony Fire/Rescue Authority Fire Safety Education Program Helpful Hints for Home Owners

Smoke detectors

- ▶ Your home needs smoke detectors outside every sleeping area and at least one detector per floor and cooking area.
- ▶ If your detector has a battery, they should be changed at least twice a year. We suggest changing them with the daylight savings time or Christmas and Easter.
- ▶ The installation should follow manufactures' recommendation.

Exit plan

- ▶ Your family needs to have and to practice an exit plan. Practice two ways out of each room in your home.

All Household areas

- ▶ Extension cords should never be used as permanent wiring.
- ▶ All electrical cords should be in good shape. Never use a cord that has been repaired.
- ▶ Do not use multi-plug adapters unless they have a 15-amp breakers installed.

- ▶ A child should be able to open all windows.
- ▶ Wastepaper should be dumped before it over flows.
- ▶ Household chemicals need to be kept at a minimum and away from children.
- ▶ Matches should be kept out of the reach of children.
- ▶ If smoking is allowed in the house, use only deep dish heavy ashtrays.

Basements

- ▶ Combustibles must not be stored in the heating areas.
- ▶ Furnace filters should be changes every other month or according to manufactures' recommendation.
- ▶ Washer and dryer should be grounded properly and should be hooked up to a Ground Fault Interrupters.
- ▶ Clothes dryer lint traps should be cleaned according to manufactures' recommendation.

- ▶ The basement door should be kept closed.

Kitchen

- ▶ No combustibles should be stored around the cooking areas, above cabinets or behind stoves.
- ▶ Please unplug all small appliances when they are not in use.
- ▶ A kitchen hood should be cleaned according to the manufactures' recommendations.

Living areas

- ▶ Fireplaces and their chimneys should be cleaned according to the amount of use. Ashes should be disposed of in a metal can with a lid.

Attic

- ▶ Unless the rafters are protected with dry wall no storage in the attic area.
- ▶ Clean the duct work at least once every three years.

Garage

- ▶ A solid core door should be maintained between garage and residence.
- ▶ The dry wall must be maintained between garage and residence.
- ▶ Power mowers should have a minimum amount of gasoline in them and should have any vent hole in the tank taped closed.
- ▶ Gasoline should never be more than 5 gallons and should be stored in an approved safety can.

With your consent a fire safety survey Team will make a fire safety survey of your home at no cost to you. They will do this at your convenience. Please call 970/350-9510.