



# Grand Rapids Fire Department Home Fire Safety Survey

This survey is designed to help you evaluate your home to improve fire safety. This survey is designed to only take about 15 minutes to complete. Check the "OK" box if no problem exists. Check the "NA" box if the item listed does not apply.

OK NA

## Outside the House

- House numbers are visible from the street
- Branches are cleared from chimney area
- Firewood and other combustibles are not stored next to the house
- Grills are stored away from the house
- Grills and other cookers are not used on wood or plastic lumber decks

## In the Garage

- A limited amount of flammables are stored
- Flammables are properly stored away from ignition sources
- Oily rags are disposed of properly
- LP tanks are stored away from heat and ignition sources
- Cars and other motors are not left running in the garage

## In the Kitchen

- Stove/Oven area free of combustible materials
- Stove is in proper working order
- Small Appliances are unplugged when not in use
- Cooking is never left unattended
- Pot handles are turned in

## Heating

- Area around furnace and hot water heater is clear of combustibles
- Furnace filter is replaced twice a year or more
- Heating appliances are inspected annually
- Space heaters are at least 3 feet away from combustibles
- Fireplace has a properly fitted screen
- Chimney is cleaned and inspected at least annually
- Spark arrestor is installed on the chimney
- Ashes are disposed of properly

OK NA

## Electrical Safety

- Limited use of extension cords
- Extension cords are not placed under rugs or tacked to walls
- Inspect appliance and extension cords for damage
- Outlets are not overloaded
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt outlets should be used in wet or damp areas
- All outlets and switches have box covers
- Correct amperage fuses are used in fuse panel

## Fire Safety and Awareness

- Working smoke detectors in every sleeping area and on every floor
- Smoke detectors are cleaned and tested monthly
- Smoke detector batteries are less than 6 months old
- There is a written fire escape plan with 2 ways out for each room
- All escape routes are clear and functional
- Escape plan is practiced monthly
- Everyone knows to Stop Drop and Roll if clothing catches fire
- All household members know how and when to call 911
- Working multi-purpose fire extinguisher
- Fire extinguisher inspected annually

## Miscellaneous

- Candles are not left burning unattended
- Candles are used only on non-combustible surfaces
- Lighters and Matches are stored out of the reach of children
- No smoking in bed
- Empty ash trays into non-combustible containers
- Clean lint from clothes dryer and check for proper venting
- Old paper, boxes, paint cans, and other materials are not stored around the house

Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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