

Garage/Storage Fire Safety

YES NO

- 19. If your garage is attached to the house, is it separated by a tight fitting door which is kept closed? (Many homes are installing certified doors between the living area and attached garage.)
- 20. Does your family store gasoline in a strong, metal safety can and keep it in a protected area away from house and garage?
- 21. Does your family let the lawn mower engine cool before refilling the tank? (Also let the lawn and garden equipment cool before storing in the garage or shed.)
- 22. Does your family discard old waste oil, solvents, flammable liquids, etc. properly? (Check with local authorities for proper disposal methods.)

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Each year residential fires kill an average of 5,000 people, injure an additional 21,000 and destroy over \$3.5 billion in property.

That translates into 13 deaths and 57 injuries each day! The sad truth is that most of this devastation could be avoided if each household would eliminate fire hazards. Install, as well as maintain, smoke detectors and . . .

THINK FIRE SAFETY!

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YOUR SCORE!

How well did your family do?

To pass, you and your family must correct each question that was answered with a NO.

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Can Your Family Pass the Test?

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**HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOUSE?
CAN YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY PASS THE TEST?**

General Fire Safety

YES NO

- 1. Does each level of your home have a smoke detector?
- 2. Does your family test smoke detectors regularly?
(Remember, a smoke detector that doesn't work is like having no smoke detector at all!)
- 3. Does each area have an operational fire extinguisher?
In the kitchen?
In the workshop?
In the family room?
- 4. Does your family know your fire department's emergency phone number?
It is: 9-1-1
- 5. Does your family know how to report a fire? (Remember to call the fire department from outside the building. Give name, location, and type of fire clearly.)
- 6. Does your family plan and practice a fire exit drill from all areas of the house? (Know two ways out from each room and have a meeting place away from the house.)

Kitchen Fire Safety

YES NO

- 7. Is the kitchen cooking area free of oil and grease? (Check under the burners and range hood)
- 8. Does your family know how to fight a grease fire? (NEVER pour water on it. Smother it with a lid or use a fire extinguisher.)
- 9. When working in the kitchen, does your family wear safe clothing and use pot holders? (NEVER wear loose clothing. Draping sleeves may ignite after brushing against a burner.)

Bedroom Fire Safety

YES NO

- 10. Is no smoking in bed a rule in your home? (Make sure matches and smoking materials are extinguished before disposing of them.)
- 11. Does your family know what to do when in their bedroom and a fire breaks out? (Stay low, feel the door to see if it is hot; opening it could kill you, oxygen would be added to the fire, allowing it to spread into your bedroom. If the door is hot, use an alternate escape route.)

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- 12. Speaking of alternate escape routes, can your family open all bedroom windows easily in case of a fire emergency? (Make sure windows are not painted shut and do not stick.)

Basement/Furnace Fire Safety

YES NO

- 13. Do you have the furnace cleaned and maintained regularly? (Keep a record and have it serviced and checked by an authorized technician.)
- 14. Does your family keep the furnace areas free of trash, papers, etc.? (Use metal containers for ashes.)

Workshop Fire Safety

YES NO

- 15. Do you make certain your electrical outlets are not overloaded? (Use only grounded, heavy-duty extension cords.)
- 16. Is there a smoke detector in your workshop?
- 17. Is there a fire extinguisher in your workshop?
- 18. When storing paint, varnish, etc., do you keep the contents tightly closed? (Make sure contents are stored in original containers.)