



HOME HAZARD HUNT



*Do you believe that your home is a safe place to be?
Statistics show that most fires, accidents, and injuries occur in the home.*

An important step in family preparedness is the identification of hazards in your home. Once the hazards are identified, it doesn't take much time or effort to make your home a safer place to live.

Getting Started: Using the checklist below, involve the whole family, especially your children, in a home hazard hunt. Remember that anything that can move, break, fall, or burn is a potential hazard. Foresight, imagination, and common sense are the only tools you will need! After identifying what needs to be done, devise a plan to do it.

Kitchen

Yes/No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wear snug-fitting clothes when cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Do not leave cooking food unattended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep pan handles turned in while cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep a pan lid nearby in case of fire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep cords from dangling Ensure outlets near the kitchen sink are GFI (Ground Fault Interrupt) equipped |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Keep sharp knives out of reach of children |

Outside

Yes/No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clear dry vegetation and rubbish from around the house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Use barbecue grills away from buildings and vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dispose of barbecue briquettes in a metal container |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Maintain a "greenbelt" around rural buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check with the fire department before burning debris or using a burn barrel |

All Rooms

Yes/No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensure floor coverings (rugs, carpets) are properly secured to prevent tripping hazards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Separate draw cords on blinds and drapes to reduce strangulation hazards for kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensure room exits are unobstructed |

Smoking and Matches

Yes/No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Store matches and lighters out of reach of children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Use large, deep, non-tip ashtrays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Never smoke when drowsy or in bed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dispose of ashes and cigarette butts in a metal can at least daily |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check furniture for smoldering cigarettes every night, especially after parties |

Electricity

Yes/No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Avoid the use of extension cords (If used, ensure the correct wattage rating) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plug only one heat producing device into an electrical outlet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensure cords are not placed under rugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Verify circuits are not overloaded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Replace damaged cords, plugs, sockets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Use bulbs with the correct wattage for lamps and fixtures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check fuses/circuit breakers for the correct amperage ratings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Do not override or bypass fuses or circuit breakers |

Clothes Washer and Dryer

Yes/No

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Verify that appliances are properly grounded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ensure lint filter is clean and serviceable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check vent hose and vent line to ensure they are clean and provide unobstructed airflow |

