

# Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

To be reviewed and completed with each of your family members in your household.



## Smoking Habits:

- ☐ Is "NO SMOKING IN BED" a rule of the apartment?
- ☐ Are you aware that ash trays should NEVER be emptied into waste baskets?
- ☐ Are there plenty of large, safe ash trays throughout the house?
- ☐ Do you check for smoldering cigarette butts in the furniture?

## Electrical Hazards:

- ☐ Are appliances checked periodically for good operating conditions?
- ☐ Are you careful not to run extension cords under rugs or over hooks and nails?
- ☐ When using extension cords for appliances, does the gauge of both cords match?
- ☐ Are electrical outlets overloaded?

## Housekeeping:

- ☐ Do you keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages and yards?
- ☐ Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers?
- ☐ Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?
- ☐ Have you make it a rule to NEVER use flammable liquids for cleaning clothes or start fires?

- ☐ Are oily rags kept in a tightly sealed container?
- ☐ Is your clothes dryer vent clean and properly installed?

### Heating and Cooking:

- ☐ If you have a fireplace, is a screen always placed in front of it?
- ☐ Is the filter for your forced air heater changed yearly and the venting cleaned? Have you checked on this with your landlord?
- ☐ Are furnaces and wood burning stoves in good repair and located away from combustible walls and ceilings?
- ☐ Do you have the fireplace chimney cleaned and checked periodically? Have you checked with your landlord?
- ☐ Do you make sure combustibles are not stored near the stove, heater or fireplace?

### Smoke Alarms:

- ☐ Is a smoke alarm outside every sleeping area or in every bedroom on each floor?
- ☐ Do you test your smoke alarm(s) every month?
- ☐ Do you replace the battery of your battery operated smoke alarm every year?

### Fire Escape Plan:

- ☐ Do you have a fire escape plan prepared?
- ☐ Is your escape plan posted and regularly practiced?
- ☐ Does each bedroom have TWO exits?
- ☐ Do you have a meeting place so you will know everyone is outside and safe?
- ☐ Are emergency response numbers posted on all telephones?
- ☐ Is your address on or near your telephone?
- ☐ Does everyone in the apartment know how to dial 9-1-1 for fire, police or medical emergencies?
- ☐ Do you show your guests your home escape routes and review 9-1-1- with them?
- ☐ Do all occupants know the first rule in fire emergencies: GET EVERYONE OUT FAST AND DON'T GO BACK INSIDE?

### Fire Extinguishers:

- ☐ Do you have a UL or FM approved fire extinguisher in your apartment?
- ☐ Do you take it out two times a year and shake it to keep the powder from packing?

### Outside:

- ☐ Have all dried grass cuttings, tree trimmings and weeds been removed from your property?

☐ Can you see your house number from the street?