

# HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Special thanks for the following to PFA

- 1. Are your address numbers easy to see from the street?**  
Making sure your house numbers are easy to read from the street helps fire and police respond to your emergency if you need to call 9-1-1. Numbers should be on the front of the house or both sides of the mailbox in front of the house
- 2. Do you have a light outside of your front door or other doors that lead into the house?**  
Lights mounted close to entry areas discourage burglars and decrease the chance of tripping over items left outside like tools and hoses.
- 3. When cooking meals, do you try to finish other chores or watch television?**  
Kitchen fires are the number one cause of home fires. Do not leave food unattended while using your stove or oven. If you have a fire, use a tight fitting pan lid or cookie sheet to smother the fire.
- 4. Do the throw rugs in your home have rubber matting on the bottom to keep them from slipping?**  
Products to prevent rugs from slipping are sold at most home improvement centers and department stores.
- 5. Do you have at least one functioning smoke alarm in your home?**  
Get one! Better yet, place one outside each sleeping area.  
Check it! Check the batteries every month.  
Change it! Change the batteries when necessary and the whole alarm in 7-10 years.
- 6. Do you have a list of emergency phone numbers posted by your phone?  
Do you have an “in case of emergency” number in your cell phone?**  
Posting emergency phone numbers can save precious minutes during an emergency. 9-1-1 should be posted on every telephone in your home.
- 7. Have you created and practiced a home escape plan with the people who live in your home?**  
Your chances of surviving a house fire greatly increase if you practice your home escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- 8. Are young children protected from all sources of water in your home?**  
This includes toilets, buckets, ponds and any other source of water in addition to swimming pools. Children can drown in 1-2 inches of water.
- 9. If you have weapons in your home, are they locked up away from children?**  
Weapons and bullets should be stored away from each other and should be locked away from children.
- 10. Are your electrical outlets overloaded with extension cords?**  
Overloaded circuits are a major cause of fires. Make sure you don't use too many appliances at the same time. Don't use extension cords for permanent wiring.