



Home Fire Safety Survey



General

- Yes No All smoke alarms work and have 10 year batteries or are electrically powered.
- Yes No Home has smoke alarms on every level, plus one in each bedroom.
- Yes No For homes larger than 1,000 sq ft, there is a smoke alarm for every 500 sq ft.
- Yes No Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from the kitchen and from open fireplaces or stoves.
- Yes No Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Circle** Smoke Alarms are: *ionization photoelectric combination of both*
- Yes No Family has a home fire escape plan.
- Yes No Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year, and with visitors.
- Yes No The home has occupant(s) that require assistance to escape.
- Yes No Windows used for escape open easily — not blocked, not nailed/painted shut.
- Yes No Security bars, if present, have a quick release-device.
- Yes No Home has a sprinkler system.
- Yes No Home has a working carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
- Yes No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes No House number is visible from both directions in the street.

Throughout the Home

- Yes No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes No Large ashtrays are provided outside for smokers.
- Yes No Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet.
- Yes No Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Yes No Flammable liquids (lighter fluid, charcoal lighter, etc., are limited in quantity.
- Yes No The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.
- Yes No Area rugs have a skid proof backing.

Kitchen

- Yes No Things that can burn are removed from on or near the stovetop.
- Yes No Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Yes No Adult stays in the kitchen when stovetop is in use.
- Yes No Sharp knives are stored in drawers with blades and points facing same direction
- Yes No Throw rugs and mats have non slip backing.

Living/Family Room

- Yes No Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Yes No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.
- Yes No Space heaters have tip-over shutoffs.
- Yes No Octopus outlets (more than 2 per receptacle) are limited or not used.

Bedrooms

- Yes No All bedrooms have two ways out — (window and a door).
- Yes No Throw rugs have non slip backing.

Bathrooms

- Yes No All receptacles are GFCI protected and are working.
- Yes No Throw rugs have non slip backing.
- Yes No Tub and shower have safety grab bars.
- Yes No Breakable glass items are not kept in an area where they could drop and shatter.



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DIRECTIONS: Inspect each room in the house using this checklist. Mark “Yes or No” for each item inspected. When finished, review the results and begin to make the needed repairs or corrections required for each of the No responses. If there are any questions, or if you wish to get any additional information, please contact the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department by emailing them at: FirePrevention@LaPlataFireDepartment.com

Basement

- Yes No Workshop area is clean and clear of things that can burn.
- Yes No Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
- Yes No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace and hot water heater.
- Yes No Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually.
- Yes No Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Yes No Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

Garage

- Yes No There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Yes No Workshop area is clean and uncluttered and all flammable items are properly stored.
- Yes No Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Yes No Gasoline is stored in an approved container in an outside building, away from the home.
- Yes No Flammable pads or mats are not used under parked vehicles.

Outside the Home

- Yes No Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition. (If possible, use a ground fault tester to verify that they are working.)
- Yes No There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimming accumulations on the property.
- Yes No Barbecue grill is only used outdoors and away from buildings.
- Yes No Swimming pool or hot tub is in a fenced area with a locked gate. Wiring is grounded.

Electrical

- Yes No AFCIs (arc-fault circuit interrupters), if installed, are tested and working properly.
- Yes No Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly.
- Yes No All receptacle and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition.
- Yes No Receptacles are tested and show no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes No Switches are in good condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes No Lighting fixtures canopies are fastened in place and fixtures are in good condition.
- Yes No Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture.
- Yes No Extension cords are **not used** as fixed wiring, **not** run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, **not** run through doorways or windows or under carpets and are **not** attached to building surfaces.
- Yes No If there are young children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.
- Yes No Electric panel board and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition — no evidence of overheating, corrosion, sparking, or other damage.
- Yes No Service entrance cables are fastened in place, grounded, readily accessible and in good condition.

Stair Safety (Trips and falls on stairs are a leading cause of home injuries.)

- Yes No Stairs are provided with handrails.
- Yes No Stairs can be illuminated for night time use.
- Yes No Stair tread depth and riser height are uniform.
- Yes No Stairs are uniform in size and depth and don't provide a tripping hazard.

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