



## LAPINE FIRE DISTRICT HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

### Fire Prevention

Clutter is the number one contributing factor to home fires.

Insure your garage, storage areas, bedrooms, kitchen, and living rooms are clutter free.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Matches, lighters, and other ignition tools properly stored and out of reach of children at all times.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Insure there is at least 3' of clear space, free of any combustible materials, around or near sources of heat such as the kitchen stove, wood stove, furnace, water heater and other similar appliances.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Insure there are no extension cords or exposed wiring in use.  
*(exception: UL listed circuit breaker type cords to computers and temporary use of < 1 day )*

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Insure quartz lamp appliances are not used near combustible materials.  
*(i.e. such as window coverings and bedding)*

Done \_\_\_\_\_

All flammable liquids need to be stored in suitable containers in a location away from heat and ignition sources and in a manner they will not accidentally get tipped over. Dispose of any unneeded paints, fuel, etc. at the hazardous waste facility.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

If your home has a Wood Stove or Fireplace:

Have a dedicated metal pail with cover for safe ash removal.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Ashes several days old may hold embers that often cause disastrous fires when placed in combustible trash and or containers because they were assumed to be cold.*

Inspect and clean your chimney.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

### Smoke Detectors

Each home should have a least one working smoke detector on each floor level.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Detector is to be located on the ceiling or upper wall between the living and the sleeping areas.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: More than one detector may provide better coverage and quicker warning especially in larger homes with multiple levels.*

Detectors older than 10 years should be replaced.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Replace battery(s) if a battery model. Write date on battery. Battery should not be more than a year old.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Check your smoke detector(s) by pressing the test button.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Exit plan

With the whole family, diagram your home, and plan two ways out of each room.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how to stay low in smoke and to check doors for heat before opening.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to include a meeting spot where every one will meet.  
*(i.e.: outside in driveway, at out building a designated neighbor etc...)*

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Plan how and when 911 will be called.  
*(i.e. from a neighbor's house etc...)*

Done \_\_\_\_\_

### Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers can be helpful in extinguishing SMALL fires in the kitchen or workshop areas. It is a good idea to have extinguishers located in these areas mounted in a visible spot near an exit.

If your home has fire extinguishers check to see:

They are mounted properly

Done \_\_\_\_\_

The pin and seal are in place and the pressure gauge is in the green zone.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

### Driveways and Property Address

Is your home address number up on the front of your home?

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Insure your house address number can be seen easily from the main road, or at your driveway entrance.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Insure your driveway is suitable for an ambulance or fire truck to easily get to your home.  
*(need a clearance of at least of 14' wide, and 12' in height)*

Done \_\_\_\_\_

### Defensible Space from Wildfires

If your home is in a forested area it should have:

A 30-50 feet of clear space around your home of non or low combustible landscaping *(green, irrigated, no juniper and/or dead vegetative material)*.

Done \_\_\_\_\_

Limited understory brush and tree limbs pruned up to 8' *(park like landscaping)* out to a 100' radius

Done \_\_\_\_\_

General overstory thinning out to 200'

Done \_\_\_\_\_