

Home Fire and Life Safety Self-Inspection Program



Midway Fire Rescue

Community Safety Guideline

Easy Steps to Completing a Monthly Home Fire and Life Safety Inspection

Over 97% of the fire fatalities experienced in the United States occur in single-family and multi-family dwellings. Additionally, fires in these same dwellings account for over 90% of all fire related injuries. Unfortunately, the place where all these fatalities and injuries occur is the only place your local fire department cannot inspect, your home. Knowing this, Midway Fire Rescue encourages you and your family and perform a fire and life safety inspection in your home each month.

- **Make the home inspection a family project and include everyone in the process.**
- **Utilize the Home Fire and Life Safety Inspection Checklist provided by the department to complete the inspection of your home.**
- **The residential inspection should be performed each month.**
- **Once deficiencies are identified, make it a priority to correct them immediately.**



Five Quick Tips

1. Include the entire family in your home fire and life safety inspection.
2. Make corrections as soon as problems are found, and assign unresolved tasks to family members to be completed within two weeks.
3. Do not overlook areas such as crawl spaces, porches, attics, and garages.
4. Speak to your home owner's insurance agent to check for potential savings due to your safety efforts.
5. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.**

Simple Steps for Your Home Fire Inspection

- Be prepared with all items needed to assist you, including: a stepladder, screwdrivers, pliers, batteries, gloves, eye protection and a Monthly Self-Inspection Check List.
- Start on the lowest level of your home and work up. Finish by inspecting the outside and garage areas.
- If you can make corrections immediately, do so. If not, make notes on what will be required to make corrections, and assign the tasks to a specific family member for completion.
- If corrections are beyond your expertise, hire a professional or handyman to make them.
- Maintain all inspection records to refer to during subsequent inspections.

Critical Tasks for Each Inspection

- Test your smoke alarms monthly
- Replace your Smoke Alarms if they are over 10-years-old. We recommend 10-year-life alarms.
- Replace 9-volt batteries in all smoke alarms each October.
- After **DISCONNECTING THE POWER** - Remove the cover of all bathroom vent fans and dust the motor, blades, and cover.
- Change furnace filters monthly.
- Move dryer, and thoroughly clean behind and underneath. Also clean out the dryer vent pipe and exhaust plate on the outside wall.
- Remove all accumulated clutter, newspapers, clothing and trash.

An hourly time investment each month can help protect your family each day

"Smoke Alarms and Exit Drills in the Home...A Plan You Can Live With"

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