

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

(Please check off each item as you complete them)

Smoke Alarms

- ☐ There is one smoke alarm on every level of the home and inside and outside each sleeping area
- ☐ Smoke Alarms are tested and cleaned monthly
- ☐ Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed
- ☐ Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old

Cooking Safety

- ☐ Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire
- ☐ Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside
- ☐ Pots are not left unattended on the stove
- ☐ Combustible items are not stored on or in a cooking appliance
- ☐ A suitable fire extinguisher to control cooking fires is easily accessible

Electrical & Appliance Safety

- ☐ Electrical cords do not run under rugs
- ☐ Electrical cords are not frayed or cracked
- ☐ Circuit-protected, multi-prong adapters are used for additional outlets
- ☐ Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets
- ☐ Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean
- ☐ Ensure the use of only UL Listed dryer venting components (not plastic)

Candle Safety

- ☐ Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over
- ☐ All candles are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room
- ☐ Children and pets are never left unattended with candles

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home
- ☐ Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old

Smoking Safety

- ☐ Family members who smoke only buy fire-safe cigarettes and smoke outside
- ☐ Matches and lighters are secured out of children's sight
- ☐ Ashtrays are large, deep and kept away from items that can catch fire
- ☐ Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn

Heating Safety

- ☐ Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly
- ☐ Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least 3 feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters
- ☐ Fireplace and barbecue ashes are placed outdoors in a covered metal container at least 3 feet from anything that can catch fire
- ☐ Extension cords are never used with space heaters
- ☐ Heaters are approved by a national testing laboratory and have tip-over shut-off function

Home Escape Plan

- ☐ Have two ways out of each room
- ☐ Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping to avoid toxic smoke
- ☐ Know that once you're out of the home, stay out
- ☐ Know where to meet after the escape
- ☐ Meeting place should be near front of your home, so firefighters know you are out
- ☐ Practice your fire escape plan

TO ENTER: Complete your **Escape Plan** and **Safety Checklist** and fill in your information below.
You may send or drop off this *completed 2 page form* to the Sterling Heights Fire Department:

**Mail or
Drop off:** Sterling Heights Fire Department
41625 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3945

**Scan and
Email:** firedepartment@sterling-heights.net

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14

The Prize Drawing will be held on September 15th and the winner will be notified by phone and/or email. Prize will be awarded at the annual Fire Open House in October. Winner will be invited to attend to be awarded prize. If the winner cannot attend, they may pick up their prize at 41625 Ryan Road.

Name: _____

Family members: _____

Address: _____

Date of Program Completion: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____