



Dear East Olympia Fire District 6 Resident,

In an effort to continue to provide the best service possible to the community, East Olympia Fire District 6 is launching a new **Voluntary Home Safety Inspection Program**. The program is strictly voluntary, but if you do participate there are many benefits for you and your family.

### **How the Program Works:**

How the program works is simple; just contact the fire department and let us know that you would like a home safety inspection. We will schedule an appointment with you to have a crew of firefighters come to your home to conduct the inspection.

### **What Is Included In the Safety Inspection?**

- **Testing your smoke detectors**
- **Changing batteries in your smoke detectors**
- **Installing a smoke detector if you do not have one**
- **Helping you and your family make an escape plan**
- **Conducting a family fire drill**
- **Inspecting home for fire hazards and other safety hazards**
- **Fire safety tips**
- **Talking to your children about fire prevention and fire safety**
- **Recommendations for a safe home**

### **The Benefits of the Program:**

Eighty percent of all fatalities from fire occur in the home. In 2007, there were 3,430 fire deaths in the United States and 17,675 civilian fire injuries. There was also a staggering 1,557,500 fires resulting in over 14.8 billion dollars in property loss.

Upon the completion of the inspection, you will have the assurance that your smoke detectors work, you will have an escape plan, you will know facts about fire prevention and fire safety, and you will have written recommendations on how to correct any hazards found during the inspection.

### **How to Set Up an Appointment:**

To schedule an appointment for your home fire safety inspection, contact us at (360) 491-5533.

# Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

**East Olympia Fire Dist. 6**

(360) 491-5533

[www.eofd.org](http://www.eofd.org)

Service Through Public Education & Fire Prevention

## Exterior

- House number visible from the street
- Trim Trees away from Electrical wires and chimney, remove tree needles and leaves from roof, eaves & rain gutters.



## Heating Equipment & Fireplace

- Keep space heaters at least 3ft away from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filter once a year
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Check Location of Generators, Exhaust, etc.
- Have chimney cleaned and inspected annually
- Install a spark arrester on chimney
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater



## Electrical

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment such as TV, DVD, Cable Box etc.
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- If you must use extension cord, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker



## Fire Extinguishers

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher  
A 2.5 or 5 lb extinguisher is sufficient.
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher  
(Use P.A.S.S. : Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
- Inspect the extinguisher annually



## Smoke Alarms

- Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test your smoke alarms every month and change your battery every time you change your clock  
(Hint: use a broom stick to test your alarm)
- You should replace your smoke alarms every 10 years or sooner if necessary
- Gas Appliances? Install Carbon Monoxide Alarm



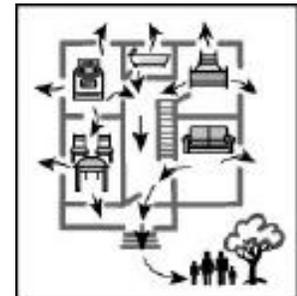
## Flammable Liquids & Hazardous Materials

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly (see below)
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct ID labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids  
Not in a pile (can spontaneously ignite )



## Develop & Practice A Home Escape Plan

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:
  - \*Crawling low under smoke
  - \*Two exits out of every room
  - \*A meeting Place out side (Tree, Mailbox)
- Practice escape plan with every member
- Teach all family members how to :
  - \*Dial 9-1-1 in an Emergency  
(State your name, address and emergency)
  - \*Stop, Drop, and Roll if clothes catch on fire



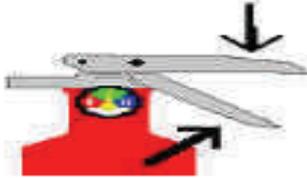
**See the back for Fire Extinguisher and Escape Plan Help**



**Pull the Pin**



**Aim to the Base of the fire**



**Squeeze the handle**



**Sweep side to side**

**Draw Your Escape Plan Below**