Home Fire Safety Checklist

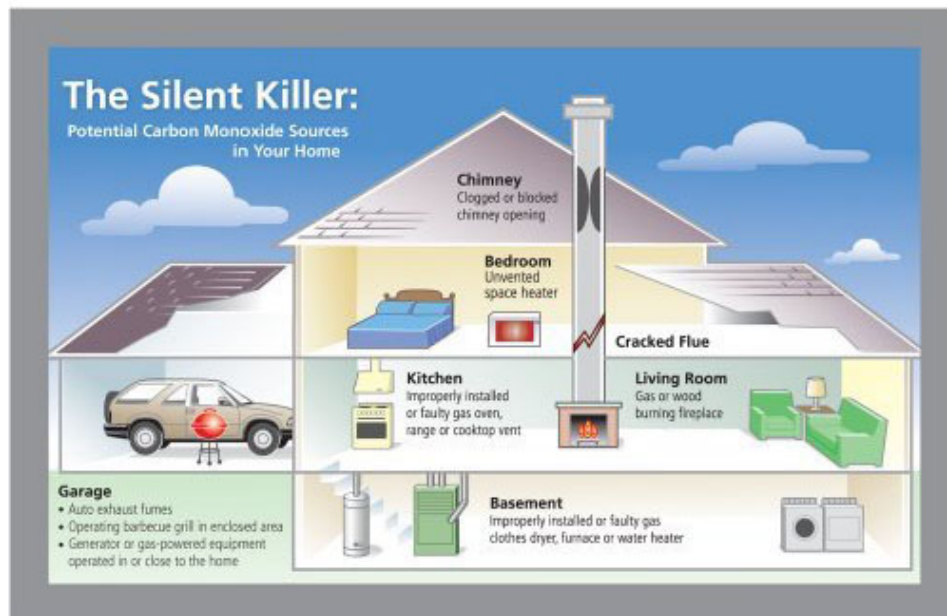## Inside the home

	YES	NO
Alarms		
There are smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the home		
There are smoke and carbon monoxide alarms outside the sleeping areas		
You test all alarms once a month		
Batteries are replaced yearly if your alarms are not sealed		
You can hear all alarms in the home, especially in sleeping areas		
Everyone knows what the alarms sound like and what to do when they go off		
Alarms are not older than life expectancy. Smoke alarms: 10 years and Carbon Monoxide: 7 years		

*Check manufacturer's instructions on alarm installation, testing, maintenance and replacement requirements.

The Silent Killer: Potential Carbon Monoxide Sources in Your Home

Chimney — Clogged or blocked chimney opening

Bedroom — Unvented space heater

Cracked Flue

Kitchen — Improperly installed or faulty gas oven, range or cooktop vent

Living Room — Gas or wood burning fireplace

Garage
- Auto exhaust fumes
- Operating barbecue grill in enclosed area
- Generator or gas-powered equipment operated in or close to the home

Basement — Improperly installed or faulty gas clothes dryer, furnace or water heater

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Basement

Electrical panels is clear of obstructions		
Furnace and hot water tank are clear of obstructions and combustibles		
The furnace room stores no flammables		

Escape Planning

ALL family members know and practice the fire escape plan		
Everyone knows what to do once a fire starts, including who helps children, older adults and pets		
Everyone knows two exits from each bedroom or sleeping area		
All windows in sleeping areas are easily opened by all family members		
Entrances are free and clear of obstacles		
Overnight guests are aware of the home escape plan and meeting place		
Everyone knows to **get out and stay out**.		
Everyone knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency from a safe phone outside the residence		

Living Area

Cracked / worn electrical cords are replaced as needed		
Electrical outlets are never overloaded		
Wires or electrical cords do not run under carpets / rugs		
Extension cords are not used as permanent wiring		
Gas and / or wood fireplaces have screens		
Non-glass barriers are in place around fireplaces to protect young children		
Wood fireplace chimneys are cleaned as required by manufacturer instructions, usually annually		
Wood burned is well seasoned (dry)		
No combustible objects are near the fireplace or wood stove		
Floors and walls are protected with non-combustible shields		
Portable heaters are away from doorways, combustibles and high-traffic areas		
Gas appliances are inspected annually		
Wood fireplace chimneys are cleaned as required by manufacturer (minimum annually)		
Wood for burning is well seasoned (dry)		
Electronics have airspace to prevent overheating		
Hallways are clear of obstructions		
Candles are extinguished when you leave the room or LED battery-operated candles are used.		

Kitchen

Cooking is never left unattended		
Everyone knows not to open the oven or microwave door if there is a fire		
Everyone knows not to put water on a grease fire		
Lids readily available when cooking to put on a fire		
Check for cracked / worn electrical cords on appliances		
Countertop appliances are unplugged when not in use		
Curtains and towels are clear of heat sources		
Fire Extinguisher near the kitchen		
Stove top is not used for storage		

Garage

Gasoline is stored in an approved container in the shed, NOT in the garage		
Drivers know NOT to idle the vehicle in an attached garage		
Used rags are stored in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid		
A BC class fire extinguisher is located in the garage		
Garage is kept clear of sawdust/wood shavings		
Always allow equipment to cool before refueling		
Only use approved fuel containers, filling to maximum 90% to allow room for expansion		

Other

Matches and lighters are always out of the reach of children		
Important papers (e.g. documents, identification, heirlooms) are in a fire-resistant safe		
Oxygen in the home is reported to 705-472-1221		

Outside the home

Cigarettes are never extinguished in planters, on grass, in peat moss or mulch, or just thrown		
Barbeques and firepits are a safe distance from the house and from combustibles (siding, decks, etc.)		
Children stay a safe distance from barbeques and firepits		
Firepits are never left unsupervised		
There is no debris or dead vegetation near the house		
Trees are pruned and thinned to reduce fuel potential		
Woodpiles are stacked away from the house		
Branches hanging over or touching the roof are trimmed back		

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