

PORT HURON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

FIRE DIVISION

HOME SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

The Port Huron Fire Department encourages to have each home be the safest possible.

To help us accomplish this goal, the following is a checklist that offers guidance to look for and correct potential fire and life safety issues within your home. Please take the time to look for and correct any items that pose a potential hazard. Thank you!

EXTERIOR

- Address Visible, contrasting and illuminated
- Porch, steps & walk free of trip hazards
- Handrail & railings secure

GENERAL LIVING AREAS

- Smoke detectors properly installed and operational
- If smoke detector is over 10 years old it should be replaced with a new one.
- Two means of egress from each level
- Any overloaded outlets
- Over use of extension cords
- Electrical cords frayed, cracked or covered by rugs or furniture
- Circuit panel / Fuse panel accessible and labeled
- Carbon Monoxide detector (placed near bedrooms)
- Storage of combustibles away from heat sources (3')
- Store cleaning products and chemicals away from heat and children
- Store flammables in original, labeled container with tight lid in garage or shed
- Safe use of ashtrays. Matches and lighters kept out of reach of children
- Stairways free of trip hazards
- Railings and handrails secure
- Throw rugs tacked down or non-slip backing
- Fire extinguisher charged and kept near exit

KITCHEN

- Keep stovetop, oven and vent free of grease
- Keep curtains & other combustibles away from stove, toaster or heating appliances
- Do not use the Gas stove to provide heat to room.
Carbon Monoxide is a danger
- If children are present, cover stove control knobs and turn pot handles toward rear
- GFCI electrical outlets installed by sink (within 30")

BATHROOMS

- Electrical cords away from sink & tub
- GFCI outlets installed
- Tub and /or shower non slip surface
- Rugs have non-slip backing
- Handrails secured
- Medications kept together, out of children's reach with list including allergies for EMS

BEDROOMS

- Smoke detectors installed and interconnected
- Escape window proper size and accessible
- If second floor or higher, ladder available
- Electric blanket unplugged when not in use and stored flat

HEATING APPLIANCES

- Combustibles kept away from heat sources
Recommend 36" clearance all around appliances
- Furnace checked before each heating season
Recommend a certified contractor have it checked for any problems
- Furnace filter kept clean
- Furnace vent pipe / flue clear
- Gas hot water heater vent pipe clear
- Gas fireplace properly vented
- Gas dryer properly vented
- Gas or Electric dryer lint trap cleaned after each load
- Electric space heater plugged directly to wall, NO Extension cords
- Kerosene heaters properly fueled and used away from Combustibles
- Woodstoves and fireplaces inspected regularly
Protective screen in place and ash properly disposed of

NUMBER OF SMOKE DETECTORS IN HOUSE

- 0 1 2 3 4 5 or more

Recommend at least one for every level of your home.

If more than 10 years old- replace them with new ones!