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**Home Safety Checklist**

(Adapted from the BSA Safety Merit Badge Pamphlet)

**Safety Checklist**

Using the provided pull down menu’s and **working with a parent/guardian**, select “**Done!**” for the items below that your family already does in terms of safety practices. Some items will not relate to your home. For example, if you have a single story home, items related to stairs would not apply. Simply select “**N/A**” in those cases. If your house/family does not currently practice a safety precaution, you should select “**Needs work...**,” identifying it as a safety guideline your family could improve upon. (13pts)

**Stairways, Halls and Outdoor Steps**

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| Choose an item. | Stairways with three or more steps have strong handrails. |
| Choose an item. | Stairways/halls are kept free from boxes, toys, tools and other tripping hazards. |
| Choose an item. | The head and foot of stairs have no loose rugs present to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Stair carpeting or covering is fastened securely to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Stairways/halls have adequate lighting, controllable at either end of stairway/hall to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Each step is sturdy and in good repair to prevent falls. |

**Bathroom A**

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| Choose an item. | Tub/Shower is equipped with strong handholds for elderly or handicapped family members, if applicable, to prevent falls. | |
| Choose an item. | https://encrypted-tbn2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTkP3yhY5aOW13UwpE9Eyv83FQ5c2nCD97lLClCrCnVLW_lcozJTub floor has a non-slip surface or mat to prevent falls. | |
| Choose an item. | Electrical fixtures and appliances are located and used beyond arm’s length of the sink, tub and/or shower unless outlet is protected by a ground fault interrupter (GFI) to prevent electrocution; see image. |  |

**Bathroom B**

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| Choose an item. | Tub/Shower is equipped with strong handholds for elderly or handicapped family members, if applicable, to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Tub floor has a non-slip surface or mat to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Electrical fixtures and appliances are located and used beyond arm’s length of the sink, tub, and/or shower unless outlet is protected by a GFI to prevent electrocution. |

**Kitchen**

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| Choose an item. | Can openers don’t leave sharp edges on cans to prevent cuts. |
| Choose an item. | Pan handles are turned away from stove’s edge to avoid spills and burns. |
| Choose an item. | Spilled grease, water or bits of food on counters/stove/floor are wiped up immediately to prevent fires and falls. |
| Choose an item. | Pot holders are within easy reach of stove/oven to prevent burns. |
| Choose an item. | A fire extinguisher is located near the stove/oven in the event of a fire. |
| Choose an item. | When cooking, surfaces are thoroughly disinfected before and after use to prevent food-borne illness. |
| Choose an item. | Electrical fixtures and appliances are located and used beyond arm’s length of the kitchen sink unless outlet is protected by a GFI to prevent electrocution. |

**Living Room and/or Dining Room**

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| Choose an item. | Furniture is placed to allow free passage through the room; no obstacles to moving around freely or getting to emergency exits. |
| Choose an item. | Furniture/woodwork is in good repair and free from splinters and rough spots to prevent wounds. |
| Choose an item. | Fireplace screen in place for wood burning fireplaces or gas stove glass surfaces to prevent burns and fire hazards. |
| Choose an item. | Rugs (not carpet) are fastened to floor or have non-slip pads/surfaces beneath them to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Rugs are kept from curling at their edges to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Wax on floors is thoroughly buffed to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Fire in fireplace is thoroughly extinguished when not attended to, to prevent fires. |
| Choose an item. | Candles are in stable holders and carefully extinguished after use, before bedtime and/or leaving the home to prevent fires. |

***Your* Bedroom**

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| Choose an item. | Furniture is placed to allow clear passage to avoid collisions in the dark. |
| Choose an item. | Light switch or lamp is within reach of bed. |
| Choose an item. | A night-light illuminates the bedroom or hall to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use to prevent collisions. |
| Choose an item. | Bars across bunk beds, if applicable, to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | No smoking in bed. (Better yet, **you** shouldn’t smoke at all! ☺) |
| Choose an item. | Electric heaters are turned off and candles extinguished *before* bedtime. |
| Choose an item. | Smoke detector is located in bedroom. |

**Bedroom *Other Than Your Own***

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| Choose an item. | Furniture is placed to allow clear passage to avoid collisions in the dark. |
| Choose an item. | Light switch or lamp is within reach of bed. |
| Choose an item. | A night-light illuminates the bedroom or hall to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use to prevent collisions. |
| Choose an item. | Bars across bunk beds, if applicable, to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | No smoking in bed. |
| Choose an item. | Electric heaters are turned off and candles extinguished *before* bedtime. |
| Choose an item. | Smoke detector is located in bedroom. |

**Stoves, Furnaces and Heaters**

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| Choose an item. | Heat sources are located away from curtains, bed linens, furniture, etc to prevent fires. |
| Choose an item. | Stove/furnace pipes and flues are inspected and cleaned *at least* once a year to prevent fires. |
| Choose an item. | Gas burners on stove/oven are properly adjusted and free from leaks to prevent poisoning. |
| Choose an item. | Water heater and all small gas or oil heaters are equipped with vent pipes or flues to carry combustion gases outside the house to prevent poisoning |
| Choose an item. | Water heater or boiler has a safety valve and is checked annually. |
| Choose an item. | Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts to prevent burns and fires. |
| Choose an item. | https://encrypted-tbn1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRL7NdyJ7Lq9e-OcDdXzwdA6kddRuNIZBmSHIgoRdS0t-kv3J_0An insulating shield protects woodwork within 18 inches of furnace, stove or heater to prevent fires. |
| Choose an item. | An appropriate sized crescent wrench (see image) is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line in emergencies. |

**Porch, Yard and Garage**

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| Choose an item. | Railings and banisters to stairs/decks/patios are sound and inspected periodically. |
| Choose an item. | Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow. |
| Choose an item. | Yard and play space are free from holes, stones, nail studded boards, tools and other litter. |
| Choose an item. | Dangerous products and chemicals such as antifreeze, insecticides, cleaning fluid and lubricants are kept in the original container in locked storage areas to prevent poisoning (especially of pets and children) and fires. |
| Choose an item. | Wires and low fences are brightly painted or marked with cloth strips to make them clearly visible to avoid collisions. |
| Choose an item. | Wells, cisterns and pits are kept securely covered. |
| Choose an item. | Disposable materials are not burned inside the home fireplace or stove. |
| Choose an item. | An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons and other small vehicles. |
| Choose an item. | Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards like automatic shut off. |

**Electrical Devices and Fixtures**

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| Choose an item. | No one touches electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands or while standing on a wet floor. |
| Choose an item. | Seldom-used electrical appliances are unplugged from electrical outlet when not in use. |
| Choose an item. | Household appliances are disconnected from the electrical outlet before repairs or adjustments are made. |
| Choose an item. | Frayed and worn electrical cords are promptly repaired or replaced to prevent fires and electrocution. |
| Choose an item. | Extension cords are not left out, trailing the ground to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors and moveable furniture to prevent falls and fire hazards. |
| Choose an item. | Extension cords are UA-Approved and the proper wire size for the load to prevent fires and electrocution. |
| Choose an item. | Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed to prevent fires and electrocution. |
| Choose an item. | Circuit breakers are not overloaded to prevent fires and electrocution. |

**General Household**

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| Choose an item. | Home has smoke alarm system, with *at least* one smoke detector in each bedroom and additional detectors near the garage, kitchen and bathrooms. |
| Choose an item. | Smoke detectors have fresh batteries and/or a secure electrical connection; tested *twice* a year. |
| Choose an item. | Carbon monoxide detector has fresh batteries and/or a secure electrical connection; tested *twice* a year; applies only to homes with natural gas/propane. |
| Choose an item. | No one takes medications in the dark; lights are turned on and labels read to prevent poisoning. |
| Choose an item. | Everything has its place and is in its place; home is kept tidy and free of clutter. |
| Choose an item. | Strong, rigid stepladder is kept in good repair and used to access heights; “ladders” are not created with other pieces of furniture or by climbing on counters to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Firearms are stored unloaded and in *locked* cases/closets. |
| Choose an item. | Firearms and ammunition are stored *separately*; ammunition is secured elsewhere than firearms. |
| Choose an item. | Clothing worn for house or yard work is free from drooping sleeves, sashes or frills. |
| Choose an item. | Shoes worn for house or yard work have no heels and non-slip soles to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners and other volatile/flammable materials are stored outside and away from the home in approved containers to prevent fires and poisoning. |
| Choose an item. | Everyone turns on a light before entering a dark room. |
| Choose an item. | Matches are extinguished with water before they are thrown away. |
| Choose an item. | Fire extinguishers are readily available; *at least* one on each floor of home. |
| Choose an item. | Houseplants are nonpoisonous to prevent poisoning of pets and children. |

**Safety for Children**

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| Choose an item. | Children are taught never to touch electrical sockets or fixtures to prevent electrocution. |
| Choose an item. | Yard tools and other dangerous items are out of reach of children when playing outside. |
| Choose an item. | Lye, disinfectants and other chemicals are kept out of reach of children. |
| Choose an item. | Knives/sharp instruments are kept in a special knife drawer/holder out of reach of children. |
| Choose an item. | Pan handles are turned away from stove’s edge to keep children from grabbing and getting burned. |
| Choose an item. | https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSchvNhsea3s145yeorHZQqYtiPCqDQ4X-sWX-csefXsfOQiZ8ZnQMatches/Lighters are kept where children cannot get them to prevent fires and burns. |
| Choose an item. | Gates at top and bottom of stairs prevent young children from falling. |
| Choose an item. | Medications/chemicals are clearly marked, sealed shut and kept out of reach of children. |
| Choose an item. | Children are taught not to lean against windows or window screens to prevent falls. |
| Choose an item. | Low-sill windows are sturdily screened to prevent children from falling out. |
| Choose an item. | Sharp corners and edges of furniture are padded to prevent painful collisions. |
| Choose an item. | Small objects that can act as choking hazards are picked up and kept out of the reach of young children. |

**For Emergencies**

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| Choose an item. | | Have a first aid kit approved by your doctor or the American Red Cross and supplies replenished as needed. | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | Know [basic first aid procedures](http://www.editiondigital.net/publication/?i=64159). | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | Have a fire escape plan for your home and practice it. | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | Have emergency water supplies stored in your home in case the primary water supply fails. | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | Have an [emergency kit](http://www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit) with enough supplies for each family member for 3 days. | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | Have handheld, battery operated flashlights readily available for emergency use, night and day. | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | In earthquake-prone areas, the water heater and bookcases are bolted to the walls. | | | | | | | |
| Choose an item. | | Know emergency information in addition to **911**. Complete the following:  (“local” meaning that which is closest to your home; do some research to get the most accurate information) | | | | | | | |
| ***Local* Fire Station Phone Number:** | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |
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| ***Local* Police Station Phone Number:** | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |
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| ***Local* Emergency Room Phone Number:** | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |
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| **Family Physician Phone Number:** | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |
|  | | | Physician’s Name: Click here to enter text. | | | | | | |
| ***Local* Veterinarian Phone Number**: | | | | | | Click here to enter text. (even if you don’t have pets) | | | |
| ***Local* Poison Control Center Phone Number:** | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |
| **Out of State Contact Phone Number:** | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | | |
| Name of Contact: | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | Relationship: | Click here to enter text. |
| Choose an item. | Know the location of water, gas and/or electrical shutoffs in your home and be sure each is checked at least once a year. Complete the following for your home:  (type “n/a” if your home does not have natural gas or propane) | | | | | | | | |
| **Water Shut Off Location(s):** | | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Electrical Shut Off Location(s):** | | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Natural Gas/Propane Shut Off Location(s):** | | | | | | | Click here to enter text. | | |

Click here to enter text.

**Take Action!**

After completing the safety checklist: (10pts)

1. Choose 3 things that need to be made safe in or around your house...three items above identified as “Needs work...” in other words.
2. Take a picture of **you** and the unsafe situation that needs to be corrected

(upload pictures by clicking the icon in the center of the bluish square)

1. Describe, in detail, how your family plans on making the necessary corrections

(you’re not being scored for actually correcting problems, but *how* you could correct them...proposed action steps! Of course, you’re certainly encouraged to make the necessary changes.)

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| **Problem 1:** Click here to enter text. |  |
| **Problem 2:** Click here to enter text. |  |
| **Problem 3:** Click here to enter text. |  |

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, certify that the student and I physically/visually inspected our home against the above safety checklist. (2pts)

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Adult Family Member Signature Date