

Fire/Life Safety Checklist

The Delhi Township Fire Department would like to assist you and your family in creating and maintaining a safe home environment. While all of the following questions may not apply to you, an unchecked box may represent a potential hazard in your home. If you are able to check all of the boxes, we commend you for your fire and life safety efforts.

▶ Home Exterior

- House numbers easily visible from the street
- No accumulation of rubbish, leaves or debris in my yard
- Roof and gutters clear of leaves and debris
- No branches overhanging the roof
- Chimney screen/spark arrester on chimney

▶ Gasoline/Storage

- Paint, thinners, and flammable materials are stored in original containers
- Gasoline is stored in an approved container and away from combustibles

▶ Kitchen/Cooking

- Pot handles are always turned toward the center of the stove when cooking
- Pot holders, towels and other combustibles are kept away from the stove
- The oven and stove are kept clean
- Cooking food is NEVER left unattended

▶ Electrical

- Only UL approved appliances are used
- Outlets are NEVER overloaded
- Multi-plug adapters (strip plugs) are used only if they have circuit breakers
- We do not experience any flickering lights or tripped circuit breakers
- Cords to appliances are not frayed and have all prongs in place
- Safety caps cover open outlets if there are small children in the home

▶ Smoking

- Matches and lighters are kept out of the reach of children at all times
- Ashtrays are NEVER emptied until all ashes are cool
- Trashcans and furniture are checked for smoldering cigarettes before bedtime
- No one smokes in bed or when drowsy

▶ Smoke Detectors

- There is a smoke detector on every level and outside every sleeping room
- All smoke detectors are checked monthly

- Batteries are changed twice per year (change your clock/change your battery)
- Any detectors over ten years old are replaced

▶ **Personal Safety**

- Every family member knows how to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency
- Any firearms are stored in a secure location out of the reach of children
- There are 2 clear exits out of each room in the house
- Our family has developed and practices a home escape plan
- Everyone knows where the fire extinguisher is and how to use it