



HOME HAZARD HUNT



*Do you believe that your home is a safe place to be?
Statistics show that most fires, accidents, and injuries occur in the home.*

An important step in family preparedness is the identification of hazards in your home. Once the hazards are identified, it doesn't take much time or effort to make your home a safer place to live.

Getting Started: Using the checklist below, involve the whole family, especially your children, in a home hazard hunt. Remember that anything that can move, break, fall, or burn is a potential hazard. Foresight, imagination, and common sense are the only tools you will need! After identifying what needs to be done, devise a plan to do it.

Kitchen

Yes/No

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wear snug-fitting clothes when cooking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not leave cooking food unattended
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep pan handles turned in while cooking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep a pan lid nearby in case of fire
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep cords from dangling Ensure outlets near the kitchen sink are GFI (Ground Fault Interrupt) equipped
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep sharp knives out of reach of children

Outside

Yes/No

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear dry vegetation and rubbish from around the house
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use barbecue grills away from buildings and vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispose of barbecue briquettes in a metal container
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain a "greenbelt" around rural buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check with the fire department before burning debris or using a burn barrel

All Rooms

Yes/No

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure floor coverings (rugs, carpets) are properly secured to prevent tripping hazards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Separate draw cords on blinds and drapes to reduce strangulation hazards for kids
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure room exits are unobstructed

Smoking and Matches

Yes/No

<input type="checkbox"/>	Store matches and lighters out of reach of children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use large, deep, non-tip ashtrays
<input type="checkbox"/>	Never smoke when drowsy or in bed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispose of ashes and cigarette butts in a metal can at least daily
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check furniture for smoldering cigarettes every night, especially after parties

Electricity

Yes/No

<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid the use of extension cords (If used, ensure the correct wattage rating)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plug only one heat producing device into an electrical outlet
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure cords are not placed under rugs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify circuits are not overloaded
<input type="checkbox"/>	Replace damaged cords, plugs, sockets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use bulbs with the correct wattage for lamps and fixtures
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check fuses/circuit breakers for the correct amperage ratings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not override or bypass fuses or circuit breakers

Clothes Washer and Dryer

Yes/No

<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify that appliances are properly grounded
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure lint filter is clean and serviceable
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check vent hose and vent line to ensure they are clean and provide unobstructed airflow

