

# BARABOO FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Is your home fire-safe? Take a few minutes to walk through your home and use this checklist to make sure your home is fire-safe!

### SMOKE ALARMS

- Place smoke alarms near bedrooms and have smoke alarms on every floor level of your home
- Test the smoke alarms monthly
- Keep smoke alarms away from air vents
- Place smoke alarms at least 4 to 6 inches away from walls and corners

### ELECTRICAL WIRING

- Replace wiring if it is frayed or cracked
- Do not place wiring under rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas
- Avoid overloading outlets
- Keep covers over electrical plates and avoid exposed wiring

### ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS

- Plug heaters directly into wall outlets and not into extension cords
- Unplug heaters when they are not being used
- Keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from heater

### UNVENTED SPACE HEATERS

- These are illegal to use

### WOODSTOVES AND FIRE PLACES

- Only use seasoned wood and never use green wood, artificial logs or trash
- Clean the chimney at least once a year (More often if necessary, depending on use)

### FURNACE AND HOT WATER HEATER

- Have these gas burning appliances checked once a year for proper operation

### CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms in the Home (Near the sleeping areas)

### SAFE COOKING PRACTICES

- Do Not leave food unattended on the stove
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs
- Keep curtains, clothing and other combustibles away from stove
- Make sure the stove and other small appliances are off after each use
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby

### SAFE SMOKING HABITS

- If you must smoke, never smoke in bed
- Keep ashtrays away from upholstered furniture and curtains
- Always attend burning cigarettes

### CHILDREN AND FIRE SAFETY

- Keep lighters and matches away from children
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets

### HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Have an escape plan and make sure all family members know it
- Practice the plan often
- Keep emergency numbers handy
- Identify an outside meeting place and never return to a burning building
- Know how to call for emergency assistance

### FIRE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

- Install fire extinguishers in your home
- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers

For more information about how to keep your home and family safe from fire, please contact:

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