



**Morton Township
Fire Rescue
Department**
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Morton Township Fire Rescue Department Home Safety Survey

Occupant Address: _____

Date: _____

Exterior

	House numbers are visible from street Recommendation- 6" best size, numbers are lit, and with contrasting color
	Dryer vent free from lint and flap closes completely when not in use
	Gas and electric meter accessible, free from snow build up and bushes
	Steps and walkways in good repair; no broken edges or boards or other hazard
	Secure ramp installed if resident uses a wheelchair or finds stairs difficult
	Secure, sturdy railing on both sides that is easy to grasp with both hands
	Lights that light up a wide area of the yard and walkway
	Mat, carpeting or textured floor in entryway to prevent slipping when wet
	Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
	There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
	Swimming pool or hot tub is enclosed by a four-sided fence and locked gate. Filter, heater or hot tub is properly grounded.

Garage

	Flammable liquids stored in safety containers and in a metal cabinet.
	5lb ABC fire extinguisher – accessible near an exit
	No accumulation of high fire load
	There is a solid door between the garage and residence.
	Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
	Trip hazards present

Kitchen

	Stovetop/range area is free from things that can burn – 3 foot rule
	Childproof latches or locks on cabinets that contain cleaning materials and medications (if children present)
	Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to outside-cleaned once a month
	5 lb ABC fire extinguisher accessible near an exit
	Doorways wide enough to use a walker, a wheelchair, or if carrying a load
	Sturdy step stool available for hard-to-reach items
	Most-often-used items stored between eye and knee level
	Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
	Rugs/other slip hazards present

Living Room

	Chimney clean & inspected (according to owner) Recommendation for gas fireplaces- maintain per your manual
	Doorways wide enough to use a walker, a wheelchair, or if carrying a load
	Open pathways with no small furniture, clutter, or "stuff"
	No frayed electrical cords
	Electric outlets and switches are not overloaded (warm to the touch)
	Lights can be turned on without walking across a dark room
	Fireplace has a proper screen and hearth.
	Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.

Stairways

	Secure railing on both sides that is easy to grasp with both hands
	Open stairway with no shoes, books or other "stuff" cluttering them
	Steps are even with no crumbling edges, broken boards, or loose/torn carpet
	Light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs
	Adequate lighting the entire length of the stairway

Bathrooms

	Bathroom vent is free of lint and dust. Consider cleaning once a year
	Non-skid floor surface in tub/shower
	Strong grab bars in shower/bath and near toilet
	Raised toilet seat if balance is a problem
	Night light of sufficient brightness
	Light can be turned on without walking across a dark room
	Rugs/slip hazards present

Bedrooms

	Occupants sleep with door closed
	Lamps and halogen lighting 3 feet away from combustibles
	Surge protectors used instead of extension cords
	Floor free from clutter
	Light can be turned on without walking across a dark room
	Telephone is within easy reach of the bed
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Basement

	Basement door kept closed and no tripping hazards on steps
	Two ways out and clear paths to exits
	Windows large enough for egress
	Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
	Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace.
	Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually.
	Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.

Smoke Detectors/General

	Home has smoke alarms on every level.
	Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
	Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
	Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
	All smoke alarms are working.
	Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
	Windows used for escape open easily not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.
	Home has a home fire sprinkler system. (Best protection)
	Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
	Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
	Carbon monoxide alarms are working.

Laundry Room

	Clothes dryer, lint filter, and vent pipe are clean.
	Metal dryer vent
	Behind & around machines are clean

Homeowner's Education

	Making an attempt to attend all stovetop cooking
	Resident knows how to extinguish a grease fire Recommendation – Keep pan lid nearby when cooking
	Smoking outside the home compared to inside the home
	Lit candles are not left unattended
	Family member knows CPR and has basic first aid kit
	CO and fire alarm education

Additional questions or concerns can be brought via phone or visit to Morton Township Fire Department between 7:00-4:00 Monday through Friday.

Comments:

WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the voluntary performance of a home fire safety inspection of my home located at _____, I, on behalf of myself, and all members of family, as well as my heirs, executors, administrators or successors, hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature that I have, or in the future may have, against any and all individual or organizational participants in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program, including but not limited to the Morton Township Fire Rescue Department, the municipality of Morton Township, and its officers, agents or employees, which claim or cause of action grows out of or results from a fire or other damage, following the said home fire safety inspection; and I further hereby agree to release and hold harmless any and all organizational and individual participants including the aforesaid fire department and municipality in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program from and against all damages of any kind, to persons or property, growing out of or resulting from a fire in my referenced home.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

Print name	Signature	Date
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Witness (print name)	Signature	Date
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*This form generally indicates that the occupant or owner of the property agrees to waive his or her rights to sue any individual, any municipality and any other organizations or individuals involved in the fire safety inspection of this home, if a fire occurs after the inspection. The purpose of the waiver is to protect the individual or any of the organizations involved against liability arising from the home fire inspection. This statement is intended for information only, the terms of the waiver themselves shall prevail if there are any questions. You should seek advice if you do not understand this waiver.