



Home Safety Inspection Checklist

This three-part form includes checklist items that should be part of any home safety inspection. On the right margin, make notes to help you follow up. Be sure to do another inspection in three or six months to note your progress in making your home safer.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Part I: Preventing Accidents

Notes

In the bathroom...

- Grab bars have been installed next to toilet and in bath and/or shower.
- Bath and shower have non-skid surfaces.
- There is a nightlight.
- The hot water temperature is set to 120° or below.
- Floor surfaces are kept dry and clean.

In the bedroom . . .

- Furniture is placed where you won't trip over it.
- Night lighting is adequate.
- You have a flashlight for emergency use.

Interior stairs and landings . . .

- Have handrails on both sides.
- Have adequate lighting.
- Have floor coverings in good repair.
- Are free of clutter.

In the kitchen . . .

- Floors are in good repair and kept dry.
- Sharp edges on appliances or countertops have been removed or padded.
- Things you need are stored in easily reached drawers and cupboards.

In other living spaces . . .

- Throw rugs have been removed or safely taped.
- All other floor coverings are in good shape.
- Traffic areas are well-lit and free of clutter.

Outside . . .

- Lighting is good.
- Walkways and stairs are clutter-free.

Part II: Fire Safety

- Hazardous materials have been removed or properly stored.
- All electrical appliances have been checked and are in good order.
- Outlets are not overloaded.
- Extension cords are used properly.
- Chimneys and flues, if used heavily, have been checked and cleaned.
- Only light bulbs of the right size and wattage are used.
- Space heaters are used correctly.
- Smoke detectors/alarms have been installed and are in good working order.
- Everyone understands escape procedures and how to report a fire.

Part III: Home Security

- Locks on all doors and windows are in good working order.
- Outside areas are well-lit and free of unnecessary vegetation.
- You have a bedside phone.
- Emergency numbers are plainly visible next to every phone.
