

**AMARILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
SELF-INSPECTION FORM  
RESIDENTIAL**

**How Safe Is Your Home?**

Each year, over 4,000 Americans perish and more than 20,000 others suffer serious injuries because of residential fires.

**Home Self-Inspection Checklist**

- YES/NO      Each of my family members know to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- YES/NO      Every sleeping room and each level of my home is equipped with a properly installed and working smoke alarm.
- YES/NO      I have at least one Carbon Monoxide alarm on each level of my home.
- YES/NO      I change the batteries in my smoke alarm every year, or sooner if needed.
- YES/NO      I test my smoke and carbon monoxide alarms once a month.
- YES/NO      My house numbers can be seen from the street by emergency responders.
- YES/NO      Household chemicals, matches, and cigarette lighters are stored out of reach of the children.
- YES/NO      Gasoline is kept in an approved safety container, preferably stored in a locked garage or storage shed.
- YES/NO      I do not overload the electrical outlets in my home with more appliances than they can handle
- YES/NO      The lint collector on my clothes dryer is inspected and cleaned before each use.
- YES/NO      I never leave candles burning unattended.
- YES/NO      Space heaters are kept at least 3 feet away from any combustible materials
- YES/NO      Smoking materials are completely extinguished before being discarded.
- YES/NO      I never leave food cooking unattended.
- YES/NO      I never smoke when drowsy or when in bed.
- YES/NO      Each room in my home has two clear exits.
- YES/NO      My family developed and practices an Emergency Escape Plan.

# AMARILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Self inspection form

### Did You Know ?????

- Most fire fatalities and injuries in the U.S. occur in the victim's own home?
- Two-thirds of all home-fire victims die of smoke inhalation, poisonous gases, or lack of oxygen; not severe burns?
- Cooking is the leading cause of residential fires and fire injuries?
- Heating equipment is the second leading cause of residential fires?
- More than 40% of fatal home cooking fires occur while the victims are asleep?
- Careless use of smoking materials is the leading cause of death in residential fires.

### Survival Tips

Make sure your family has an escape plan. Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau or your neighborhood fire station for more information on developing a plan.

Sleep with the bedroom door closed. Closed doors provide protection against heat and smoke.

Teach everyone in your household to recognize the sound of your smoke alarms. Use the test button to start your home exit drills.

Test doors before opening them. Heat, smoke or flames can easily overcome you when you open a door to an area where a fire has spread.

Use windows as alternate exits. Make sure that the person that may need to use them can open/operate windows.

Do not exit through smoke use an alternate exit. During a fire, super heated air and toxic gases fill the room from the top down. When you are surrounded by smoke crawl low on the floor. The cleaner air may be within 12 to 24 inches above the floor.

Call 9-1-1. Unless you are trapped inside, it's too dangerous to call from a burning home. Once you have escaped and reported to your meeting place, call 9-1-1 on a neighbor's telephone.

If your clothes catch on fire: Stop, Drop, and Roll.

Should you have any questions regarding fire safety, or want more information on any of these topics, please call our Fire Prevention Bureau at (806) 378-4238