

# Home Fire Safety Survey



Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 the 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 individuals or organizational participants in the Home Fire Safety Program, including but not limited to the Kalispell Fire Department, the municipality of Kalispell and its officers, agents or employees, which claim or cause of action grows out of 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 aforesaid fire department and municipality in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness (print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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 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.

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## Basement

- Yes  No Workshop area is clean of things that can burn.
- Yes  No Hot water heater is set to no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
- Yes  No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace.
- Yes  No Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually.
- Yes  No Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Yes  No Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

## Garage

- Yes  No There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Yes  No Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Yes  No Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.

## Outside the Home

- Yes  No Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- Yes  No There is no rubbish, trash, brush, or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
- Yes  No Barbecue grill is only used outside and has a minimum of 10 feet of clearance from combustibles.

## Electrical

- Yes  No AFCIs (arc-fault circuit interrupters) are installed throughout the home and they are working properly (new home construction only).
- Yes  No Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly.
- Yes  No All receptacles and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition.
- Yes  No Receptacles have been tested and are in good working condition – no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes  No Lighting fixture canopies are fastened in place and fixture is in good condition.
- Yes  No Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture.
- Yes  No Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- Yes  No If there are children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.
- Yes  No Electrical panels and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition – no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage.

## Stair Safety

- Yes  No Stair is provided with handrail.
- Yes  No Stair can be illuminated for night time use.
- Yes  No Stair tread depth and riser height are uniform.
- Yes  No Stair landing nosing projections are consistent with other nosings on the stair flight.

## Kitchen

- Yes  No Things that can burn are removed from the cooktop.
- Yes  No Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Yes  No Adults stay in the kitchen when stovetop is in use.

## Living/Family Room

- Yes  No Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Yes  No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.

## Bedrooms

- Yes  No All bedrooms have two ways out – window and door.

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## General

- Yes  No Home has smoke alarm on every level.
- Yes  No Home has smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes  No Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
- Yes  No All smoke alarms are working.
- Yes  No Family has a home fire escape plan.
- Yes  No Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
- Yes  No House numbers are visible from the street day or night.
- Yes  No Windows used for escape open easily – not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.
- Yes  No Home has carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes  No Home has carbon monoxide detector on every level.
- Yes  No Carbon monoxide alarms are working.
- Yes  No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes  No Large ashtrays are provided outside for smokers.
- Yes  No Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet or in a safe area.
- Yes  No Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Yes  No Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantity.
- Yes  No The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspaper and other items that can burn.

## SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS PERFORM AS INTENDED  
– WHEN YOU NEED THEM THE MOST

- **TEST** smoke alarms monthly
- Change the **BATTERIES** every year
- Beware of **CHIRPING** smoke alarms – it's time to replace the batteries
- Replace older smoke alarms – **REPLACE** alarms that are more than 10 years old
- Know the **SOUND** of the smoke alarm and what to do if the alarm goes off



REMEMBER, ONLY WORKING SMOKE  
ALARMS CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

With your consent, the Home Fire Safety Survey Team has done a fire inspection of your home. The items checked **NO** may put you and your family at risk. You are urged to correct these for your own safety. This inspection does not identify future conditions such as failure of components, wiring or human behavior which could result in a fire.

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A large, empty grid of small squares, intended for recording survey data. The grid is approximately 30 columns wide and 30 rows high.

**S** – Smoke Alarm      **X** – Way Out      **M** – Meeting area

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