

MOROCCO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HOUSEHOLD FIRE PREVENTION CHECKLIST**

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Test all smoke detectors in your house to make sure they work. Replace batteries in smoke detectors at minimum of once a year.
- 2. Check dates on all smoke detectors. If smoke detectors are older than ten years old, replace with new detectors.
- 3. Check all carbon monoxide detectors in your house to make sure they work. Replace batteries in detectors at minimum of once a year.
- 4. Review E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home) with all children in the house, practice fire drills, get out and stay out, and going to a meeting place away from the fire. Practice regularly.
- 5. Discard of warn electrical appliances, extension cords or other electrical hazards.
- 6. Do not run extension cords under rugs, carpets, or plug multiple extension cords into one another.
- 7. Do not plug in more devices than an outlet is capable or designed to power.
- 8. Do not overload electrical plugs, surge protectors, or other electrical sources.
- 9. Use only UL approved cords and surge protectors and surge protectors with built in breakers.
- 10. Properly discard of stored chemicals, paints, fuels, or other materials stored in your home.
- 11. Assure exit routes through home are clear of clutter and debris. Know and teach to your children two ways to get out of the house in case of an emergency.
- 12. Plan and have resources available to escape from second story floors if applicable, in the event you are unable to safely exit by normal means. Purchase and be familiar with collapsible emergency ladders and store it in a location that it can be readily found and deployed if needed.
- 13. Clean lint traps in dryers; have furnaces, chimneys and flues professionally inspected and cleaned if needed.
- 14. Keep areas around electric heaters clear of clutter, debris and walls. Do not use electric or other type space heaters for prolonged periods of times, unattended, or while asleep.
- 15. Keep matches, lighters, candles in a safe area, away from children. Do not leave lit candles unattended.