



Oswego Police Department Home Safety Checklist

Check the box that applies:

Yes **No** **Don't Know**

Living Room- Family Room

- 1. Can you turn on a light without having to walk into a dark room?
- 2. Are lamp, extension or phone cords out of the flow of foot traffic?
- 3. Are passageways in this room free from objects and clutter (papers, furniture)?
- 4. Are curtains and furniture at least 36 inches from baseboard heaters or portable heaters?
- 5. Do your carpets lie flat?
- 6. Do your small rugs and runners stay put (don't slide or roll up when you push them with your foot)?

Kitchen

- 7. Are your stove controls easy to see and use?
- 8. Do you keep loose fitting clothing, towels, and curtains that may catch fire away from the burners and oven?
- 9. Can you get to regularly used items without climbing to reach them?
- 10. Do you have a step stool that is sturdy and in good repair?

Bedrooms

- 11. Do you have working smoke detectors on the ceiling outside of bedroom doors?
- 12. Can you turn on a light without having to walk into a dark room?
- 13. Do you have a lamp or light switch within easy reach of your bed?
- 14. Is a phone within easy reach of your bed?
- 15. Is a light left on at night between your bed and toilet?
- 16. Are the curtains and furniture at least 36 inches from your baseboard heater or portable heater?
- 17.

Bathroom

- 18. Does your shower or tub have a non-skid surface, such as a mat, decals, or abrasive strips?
- 19. Does the tub/shower have a sturdy grab bar (not just a towel rack)?
- 20. Is your hot water temperature set to 120 degrees or lower?
- 21. Does your floor have a non-slip surface or does the rug have a non-skid backing?
- 21. Are you able to get on and off the toilet easily?

Stairways

- 22. Is there a light switch at both the top and bottom of inside stairs?
- 23. With the light on, can you clearly see the outline of each step as you go down the stairs?
- 24. Do all stairways have sturdy handrails on both sides?

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| 25. | Do handrails run the full length of the stairs, slightly beyond the steps? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. | Are all steps in good repair (not loose, broken, missing or worn in places)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. | Are stair coverings (rugs, treads) in good repair, without holes and not loose, torn, or worn? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Hallways and Passageways

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| 28. | Do all small rugs or runners stay put (don't slide or roll up) when you push them with your foot? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 29. | Do your carpets lie flat? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30. | Are all lamp, extension and phone cords out of the flow of foot traffic? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Front and Back Entrances

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| 31. | Do all entrances to your home have outdoor lights? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 32. | Are walkways to your entry free from cracks and holes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Throughout Your House

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| 33. | Do you have an emergency exit plan in case of fire? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 34. | Do you have emergency phone numbers listed by your phone? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 35. | Are there other hazards or unsafe areas in your home that are not mentioned in this checklist that you are concerned about? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If so, what?

What home safety changes do you want to make?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

You can complete this checklist yourself or you can call 630-551-7300 and request an Oswego Police Officer to assist.