

# HOME Safety Checklist

## SMOKE ALARMS

- Replace smoke alarms older than 10 years.
- Install smoke alarms in and outside all sleeping areas & on every floor.
- Test alarms less than 10 years old. Replace batteries as needed.
- Use a permanent marker to write the date the alarm was manufactured on the outside of the alarm so that it is visible.

## FALLS

- Check that windows 6ft or more in height have locks or safety devices installed.
- Clean the bases of stairs to prevent trips.
- Use nightlights at night.

## FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

- Draw a map of your apartment or home showing all exits.
- Do not use the elevator to evacuate.
- Can't escape? Stay in place, & call 9-1-1.
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed.

## SMOKING SAFETY

- Follow apartment regulations for smoking areas.
- Always smoke outside. Use a deep, metal, sturdy ashtray.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation that could ignite easily, such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping.

## ELECTRICAL CORDS

- Inspect the electrical cords. Replace any worn cords.
- Don't overload extension cords or wall sockets.
- Don't run cords under carpets or across door ways.
- Use extension cords only temporarily, and plug major appliances directly into wall sockets.

## COOKING EQUIPMENT

- Clean cooking equipment after each use, and remove food particles and grease residue.
- Keep flammable items like paper towels, oven mitts, food packaging, etc. away from your stovetop.
- Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking.

## OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

- Follow apartment regulations for grill use.
- If grills are allowed, place it away from siding, brush, or anything that can burn (recommended 10ft).
- Clean grill after every use.
- Lock up lighters/matches when not in use.
- Move flammable material away from wall exteriors.

## DRYER

- Clean the lint filter before and after each load of laundry.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of boxes, clothing, cleaning supplies and other things that can burn.

## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

- Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Replace CO alarm if:
  - Installed in or before 2013
  - Beeping every 30-60 seconds, signaling end of life.
- Go outside and call 9-1-1 if:
  - The alarm is beeping continuously.
  - You feel sudden dizziness, headache, vomiting or flu-like symptoms.

## FIRST AID AND DISASTER KITS

- Customize your kits for your needs (medications etc.).
- Keep kits accessible.
- Keep kits up to date.

