



**Mankato Department of Public
Safety - Fire**
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Exterior

- House number visible from street
- Access to fire hydrant
- Free of any overgrown brush, grass, or combustibles
- Walkways kept free of trip/fall hazards

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors

- Test detectors monthly
- Replace batteries twice a year
- Replace detectors per manufacturers recommendation

Fire Extinguisher

- Have an ABC fire extinguisher 2A10BC
- Family members know how to use fire extinguisher(PASS- Pull Aim Squeeze Sweep)
- Inspected annually

Home escape plan

- Home escape plan developed and practiced
- Outside meeting place selected
- Teach all family members how and when to use 9-1-1

Fireplaces

- Combustibles kept away from fireplace
- Fireplace has metal or glass fire screen and hearth
- Chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a professional
- Ashes disposed of in metal container

Electrical

- Electrical cords in good condition
- No overloaded outlets
- GFI outlets used and in working order
- Surge protectors are used and in working order
- Extension cords in good condition, used properly, and not run under carpet or rugs
- Electrical devices have a 36 inch clearance with combustibles
- Breaker/Fuse panel is not blocked

Heating

- Combustibles kept away from heater and hot water heater
- Equipment maintained per manufacturers recommendation

Bedrooms

- Two ways out of each bedroom
- Importance of sleeping with door shut

Kitchen

- ABC fire extinguisher nearby
- Stove, exhaust fan, etc. clean and free of grease
- Appliances in good condition

Grilling/recreational fire

- Grill used outside and away from structure
- Grill stored outside
- Recreational fires 25 feet from all buildings or combustible materials
- Fire extinguishing equipment available during recreation fire
- Recreational fire size two feet high and three feet in diameter

Garage

- Flammable liquids stored in a safety container
- Free of excess combustibles
- Attached garages have fire separation between garage and house

General

- Matches and lighters kept out of reach of children
- Candles never left unattended
- Clothes dryer filter and ductwork is clean
- Walls and ceilings intact to keep flame and smoke spread to a minimum
- Water, gas, and electrical shutoffs accessible
- No flammable liquids stored inside of home
- No double keyed deadbolts
- Keep dangerous chemicals out of children's reach
- Don't let vehicles warm up in garages