

HOME INSPECTIONS

The Richardson Fire Department wants to help protect your home from fire. At the resident's request, a representative from the Fire Marshal's Office will come to your home and complete a home inspection **free of charge**. Contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 972-744-5750. Below is a checklist that can help make your home and family safer against fire.

	YES	NO
MATCHES AND CARELESS SMOKING HAZARDS		
1. Do you keep matches, lighters and candles away from children?	_____	_____
2. Do you see that all matches and smoking materials are out before they are disposed of?	_____	_____
3. Are there plenty of deep-dish, island type ashtrays in all rooms of the house?	_____	_____
4. Is "NO SMOKING IN BED" a rule of the house?	_____	_____
ELECTRICAL HAZARDS		
1. Are only qualified electricians allowed to install or extend wiring?	_____	_____
2. Are there enough electrical outlets in each room to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs and long extension cords?	_____	_____
3. Do extension cords and appliances carry a UL or other testing label?	_____	_____
4. Do you allow any electrical extension cords to pass through doors, under rugs or through walls?	_____	_____
5. Do you allow extension cords to be stapled or tacked to parts of the building?	_____	_____
6. On the household lighting circuit, are the proper fuses or circuit breakers used?	_____	_____
HEATING AND COOKING		
1. Are gas furnace and water heater vents in good condition and vented through the roof?	_____	_____
2. Do you have the furnace checked annually and filters changed at least quarterly?	_____	_____
3. Are your chimney and fireplace in good repair; no loose mortar or bricks?	_____	_____
4. Is the screen on your fireplace opening in den and on chimney above the roof?	_____	_____
5. No stored materials around furnace, water heater or stove?	_____	_____
6. Do you have a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and know how to use it?	_____	_____
7. When portable heaters are used, are they kept away from curtains, furniture and combustibles?	_____	_____
FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS		
1. Do you use a UL listed container for gasoline and is it stored away from heating equipment?	_____	_____
2. Do you always fill the lawn mower outside the garage when the lawn mower is cool?	_____	_____
3. Do you warn all family members to never start fire in a grill or fireplace with flammable liquids?	_____	_____
STORAGE		
1. Are closets & attic free from rubbish, oily rags, flammable liquids, stacks of paper and combustibles?	_____	_____
2. Do you know it is against the law to burn leaves, grass, or trash?	_____	_____
3. Is the alley and yard free of high weeds, grass, and rubbish?	_____	_____
IN CASE OF FIRE		
1. Have you discussed and practiced a home fire drill with family members?	_____	_____
2. Are your exterior house numbers visible from the street and alley?	_____	_____
3. Are babysitters instructed carefully on what to do in case of fire?	_____	_____
4. Is the EMERGENCY phone number 911 on or near all phones in the home?	_____	_____

EVERY "NO" ANSWER ENDANGERS YOUR HOME & LOVED ONES & SHOULD BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY!