Family Fire Safety Checklist

Walk through your home together and check off each item as you complete it.

Check Your Home

- ☐ Check where your smoke alarms are located. You should have alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.
- ☐ Check the age of your smoke alarms. Replace alarms that are 10 years old or follow the manufacturer's replacement instructions.
- ☐ Test your smoke alarms. Make sure they are working properly.
- ☐ Look for fire hazards. Make sure matches and lighters are safely stored and flammable objects are kept away from fireplaces, heaters, stoves, and other heat sources.

Make a Plan

- ☐ Find two ways out of every room. Walk through your home and identify a primary and alternate escape route.
- ☐ Choose a family meeting place outside. Pick one safe location where everyone will meet after leaving the house. Our family meeting place is: _____
- ☐ Decide who may need help. Make a plan for young children, older adults, pets, or anyone else who might need assistance getting out.
- ☐ Make sure everyone knows: GET OUT. STAY OUT. CALL 911. Never go back inside a burning home.

Practice It!

- ☐ Have everyone go to their bedrooms or another starting place.
- ☐ Sound the smoke alarm so children recognize what it sounds like.
- ☐ Practice getting outside using your planned escape routes.
- ☐ Meet at your designated family meeting place.
- ☐ See if everyone can safely make it outside in two minutes or less.

Fire is powerful and should always be treated with respect. Taking time to prepare today can help your family know what to do in an emergency.