

Common Safety Hazards Checklist

Home Safety:

- If there are not smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors outside of every bedroom in your house, go ahead and install them. Be sure to install one near each of your heating systems as well. Test your smoke alarms once per month and change batteries as necessary.
- Touch all of your electrical outlets and make sure they aren't warm. If they are, call your electrician.
- Before using your fireplace every year, hire a chimney sweep company to clean and inspect your chimney and flue.
- Make sure there is nothing combustible near your water heater. The temperature should be set to a maximum of 120° to prevent burns.
- If there's not a fire extinguisher on every floor of your house, purchase them and place them where anyone could find them.
- Have at least 2 escape routes mapped out in the event of a fire. If your home is multi-level, purchase a fire escape ladder.
- Keep all poisonous chemicals and other toxic products behind locked doors.

Security:

- Make sure all your exterior doors have deadbolts.
- Sliding glass doors should have a solid bar placed in the track system, almost the same length as the track itself.
- If your house number isn't visible from the street, fix that in whatever creative way you'd like. If there's ever an emergency, you want emergency personnel to be able to locate you.