

Home Safety Checklist

SAFETY MERIT BADGE - REQUIREMENT 2A

Put a **CHECK** next to all the safety steps that are being taking in your home, the items left blank may present a safety hazard. This list provides some sample safety steps you might take. See the Merit Badge pamphlet and your counselor for more information. Ask your parent or guardian before making any changes.

Kitchen

- Matches are kept where children cannot get them.
- Emergency numbers are posted next to the telephone or refrigerator, including 911 and poison control.
- Knives & sharp instruments are kept in knife drawers or holder.
- Disinfectants & cleaning products are out of reach of children.
- Pan handles are turned away from stove edges.
- Pot holders are located near the stove, within easy reach.

Living Room and Dining Room

- Furniture is placed to allow easy passage in an emergency.
- Furniture and woodwork solid, in good repair, and free from splinters and rough spots.
- Rugs are kept from curling at their edges.
- Candles are in stable holders and fully extinguished after use, before bedtime, or before leaving home

Bedroom

- Smoke alarm has fresh battery or secure electrical connection & is tested regularly.
- Furniture placement for clear passage between bed and door.
- A night-light illuminates bedroom or hall.
- Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use.
- Gas and electric heating devices are turned off at bedtime.

Bathroom

- Tub floor has non-slip surface.
- Poisons and dangerous chemicals are marked, sealed shut in original containers, and out of reach of children.
- Medicines are out of reach of children in childproof containers.

For Emergency

- Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.).
- First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross.
- Know basic first aid procedures.
- Have a fire escape plan from your home.
- Emergency water supply.
- Handheld flashlights readily available.