



# SOUTHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ***Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist***

### **Practice An EDITH**

#### **(Exit Drill In the Home)**

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:  
*Two exits out of every room*  
*An outside meeting place (tree, mailbox, etc.)*
- Practice escape plan with *every* member
- Escape using the nearest safe exit
- Escape and exit away from smoke If room is full of smoke, crawl low to exit
- Teach all family members how to
  - Call 9-1-1 in an emergency*  
(State your name, location & type of emergency)

### **Smoking Materials & Candles**

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- Purchase and use ashtrays that have the
  - center support feature
  - Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only and water soak
- Never smoke in bed or when drowsy
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- Never leave candles unattended
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children

### **Heating Equipment & Fireplace**

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- Never leave space heaters unattended, turn off while sleeping
- Replace furnace filters regularly
- Never use oven/cook stove for home heating
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Install a spark screen on fireplace opening
- Have chimney inspected/cleaned annually

- Burn only clean, dry firewood
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers and water soak
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles, and clutter away from water heater/furnace

### **Smoke Alarms**

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of
  - your home
  - Test smoke alarms once a month
  - (Hint: use a broom handle to reach & push test button)
  - Replace smoke alarm batteries twice a year

(Hint: use each time-change as a reminder)  
Replace smoke alarm units every 10 years

### **Fire Extinguishers**

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher
- (Use P.A.S.S.: Pull the pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
- Fight fire with a safe exit behind you
- Inspect extinguishers annually

### **Cooking**

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- If your clothes catch fire, Stop, Drop, and Roll
- Never store combustibles in oven or on top of stove
- When barbequing, move unit away
  - from the house
  - Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

