

BOROUGH OF BELMAR
Bureau of Fire Protection & Prevention

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Dear Homeowner,

It is our pleasure to announce the Borough of Belmar Fire Safety Inspection Program. This program is to assist residents of Belmar in making their homes safer and reduce the possibility of a devastating fire. The Belmar Fire Prevention Office and Belmar Fire Department strongly encourage all homeowners to conduct a home fire safety inspection annually of their residence.

Please use the residential fire safety check sheet to assist you in making your home a safer place for you and your family. The homeowner or responsible person should conduct the inspection using the checklist or may request assistance from Belmar Fire Prevention Office. We will provide the home inspection service free of charge to Belmar residents upon request.

When conducting a fire safety inspection, start on the outside of your home and work your way inside. Walk around and through your home and look carefully for all potential hazards. List the deficiencies on the form and take the necessary steps to correct them as soon as possible.

For questions regarding the program or to schedule a home fire safety inspection please call the Belmar Fire Prevention Office at 732-681-3700 Ext 239.

Please consider this completed checklist as a guide for home fire safety. It is not intended to be all inclusive of all potential hazards.

Sincerely,



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RESIDENTIAL HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECK LIST

Homeowner Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Type of Home : _____ (Ranch, Tri, Colonial)

Number of Bedrooms: _____

Garage / attached: _____

Number of Floors: _____ (incl. basement)

Approximate square feet per level: _____

I would like to schedule a home fire safety inspection to be conducted by representatives of the Belmar Office of Fire Prevention. Yes* _____ No _____

* If yes, please complete the top of this form and return to the Office of Fire Prevention at 601 Main Street Belmar, or fax to 732-681-3434.



Home Fire Safety Survey



General

- Yes No Home has smoke alarms on every level.
- Yes No Home has a smoke alarm in every bedroom.
- Yes No Smoke alarms are located outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes No Smoke alarms are located at least 10 feet from a stationary or fixed cooking appliance.
- Yes No For larger homes (where the interior floor area on a given level is greater than 1,000 square feet), there is an average of at least 1 smoke alarm for every 500 square feet. [See NFPA 72-2007 11.5.1.3, 29.5.1.3 (2010)]
- Yes No Smoke alarms are interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound. (Best protection)
- Yes No Home has ionization smoke alarms.
- Yes No Home has photoelectric smoke alarms.
- Yes No Home has combination (photoelectric and ionization) smoke alarms.
- Yes No All smoke alarms are working.
- Yes No Family has a home fire escape plan.
- Yes No Family practices the home fire escape plan at least twice a year.
- Yes No The home has occupant(s) that require assistance to escape. Occupants discuss escape planning and occupant requirements in case of a fire or emergency escape.
- Yes No House number is visible from the street.
- Yes No Windows used for escape open easily — not blocked by furniture, security bars or nailed/painted shut.
- Yes No Security bars, if present, have a quick release-device.
- Yes No Home has a home fire sprinkler system. (Best protection)
- Yes No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm outside each separate sleeping area.
- Yes No Home has a carbon monoxide alarm on every level.
- Yes No Carbon monoxide alarms are working.

Throughout the Home

- Yes No Smokers smoke outside the home.
- Yes No Large ashtrays are provided outside for smokers.
- Yes No Matches and lighters are stored in a secure cabinet.
- Yes No Lit candles are not left unattended.
- Yes No Flammable liquids, if stored in the home, are limited in quantify.
- Yes No The home is not cluttered with clothes, magazines, newspapers and other items that can burn.

Kitchen

- Yes No Things that can burn are removed from the stovetop.
- Yes No Small appliances are unplugged when not in use.
- Yes No Adult stays in the kitchen when stovetop is in use.

Living/Family Room

- Yes No Fireplace has proper screen and hearth.
- Yes No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from space heaters and fireplaces.

Bedrooms

- Yes No All bedrooms have two ways out — window and a door.

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Home Fire Safety Survey

Basement

- Yes No Workshop area is clean of things that can burn.
- Yes No Hot water heater is set at no higher than 120° Fahrenheit.
- Yes No Things that can burn are at least 3 feet from the furnace.
- Yes No Furnace is inspected and cleaned annually.
- Yes No Chimney is inspected annually and cleaned as needed.
- Yes No Clothes dryer lint filter and vent pipe are clean.

Garage

- Yes No There is a solid door between garage and residence.
- Yes No Gas powered equipment is stored in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.
- Yes No Gasoline is stored in an approved safety container in an outside shed or garage, separate from the home.

Outside the Home

- Yes No Outside electrical receptacles are GFCI and they are in good working condition.
- Yes No There is no rubbish, trash, brush or tree trimmings accumulation on the property.
- Yes No Barbecue grill is only used outdoors.
- Yes No Swimming pool or hot tub is enclosed by a four-sided fence and locked gate. Filter, heater or hot tub is properly grounded.

Electrical

- Yes No AFCIs (arc-fault circuit interrupters) are installed throughout the home and they are working properly (new home construction only).
- Yes No Kitchen and bathrooms have GFCI outlets on countertop surfaces within 6 feet of running water outlets and they are working properly.
- Yes No All receptacle and switch faceplates are installed and in good condition.
- Yes No Receptacles have been tested and are in good working condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes No Switches are in good condition — no evidence of arcing or overheating.
- Yes No Lighting fixture canopies are fastened in place and fixture is in good condition.
- Yes No Bulbs in light fixtures are the correct wattage for the lighting fixture.
- Yes No Flexible cords and cables are not used as fixed wiring, run through holes in walls, ceiling or floor, run through doorways or windows or under carpets or attached to building surfaces.
- Yes No If there are young children in the home, the home has tamper-resistant outlets.
- Yes No Panel board and distribution equipment is accessible for inspection and in good condition — no evidence of overheating, corrosion or other damage.
- Yes No Service entrance raceways or cables are fastened in place, grounded, readily accessible and in good condition.

Stair Safety Trips and falls on stairs are a leading cause of home injuries.

- Yes No Stair is provided with a handrail(s).
- Yes No Stair can be illuminated for night time use.
- Yes No Stair tread depth and riser height are uniform.
- Yes No Stair landing nosing projections are consistent with other nosings on the stair flight. (You can determine this by doing a “crouch and sight” test. Crouch down at the top landing of the stair. All the nosings from the landing to the bottom step should line up.)

With your consent, the Home Fire Safety Survey Team has done a fire inspection of your home. The items checked “No” may put you and your family at risk. You are urged to correct these at once for your own safety. This inspection does not identify future conditions such as failure of components, wiring or human behavior which could result in a fire.



Home Fire Safety Survey

Home Address: _____

WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of the voluntary performance of a home fire safety inspection of my home located at _____, I, on behalf of myself, and all members of family, as well as my heirs, executors, administrators or successors, hereby waive any claim or cause of action of any nature that I have, or in the future may have, against any and all individual or organizational participants in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program, including but not limited to the _____ fire department, the municipality of _____ and its officers, agents or employees, which claim or cause of action grows out of or results from a fire or other damage, following the said home fire safety inspection; and I further hereby agree to release and hold harmless any and all organizational and individual participants including the aforesaid fire department and municipality in the Home Fire Safety Survey Program from and against all damages of any kind, to persons or property, growing out of or resulting from a fire in my referenced home.

I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

Print name

Signature

Date

Witness (print name)

Signature

Date

*This form generally indicates that the occupant or owner of the property agrees to waive his or her rights to sue any individual, any municipality and any other organizations or individuals involved in the fire safety inspection of this home, if a fire occurs after the inspection. The purpose of the waiver is to protect the individual or any of the organizations involved against liability arising from the home fire inspection. This statement is intended for information only, the terms of the waiver themselves shall prevail if there are any questions. You should seek advice if you do not understand this waiver.