Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department
Safety in Our Community
Home Safety Survey

☐ Date inspection/installation completed _______________________________

☐ Locate/Test of smoke alarms
  o Testing on a monthly basis
  o Low battery signals
  o Battery replacement
  o Fire extinguisher/s present

☐ Safety on and around decks and patios
  o Location of gas grills
  o Discarding smoking materials

☐ Locate/Test all Carbon Monoxide(CO) detectors
  o Identify sources (cars, gas heat, gas fireplaces)
  o Discuss the best location for CO detectors

☐ Educate the occupant(s) on home escape planning and regular evacuation drills

☐ Identify common house fire causes observed in the occupancy:
  o Smoking – look for overfilled ashtrays, particularly in bedroom
  o Cooking – combustibles near or on the cooking surface; excessive grease build-up on cooktops/ in ovens
  o Candles – on or near combustibles
  o Overloaded electrical outlets – inappropriate and overuse of multi-plugs
  o Storage of combustibles – too close to appliances (water heater, electrical equip.)
  o Portable heating equipment – too close to combustibles
  o Laundry room dryer and vent – excessive build up of lint
  o Bathroom exhaust fan – excessive build up of dust

☐ Educate the occupant on how to prevent a residential fire
  o Cooking – Always attended; clear working area
  o Candles – On a proper surface and always attended
  o Electrical – Proper use and maintenance of electrical adaptors
  o Storage – Keep three(3) foot clear space around heat producing appliances
  o Heating – Keep three(3) foot clear space around heater

☐ Identify and discuss hazards associated with slips/trips/falls

☐ House number posted in accordance with County Code. SECTION 505. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION CODE states that “address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters; minimum of four (4) inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.”

☐ Discuss/Suggest a File of Life for the older adults

☐ Other hazards identified and corrective actions taken
  o ________________________________
  o ________________________________

Name/title of person completing survey: _________________________________

For more information see the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department’s Fire Prevention Division’s web site at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/