



VILLAGE OF CLAVET

Home Safety Checklist

Fire Safety

- Do you have smoke detectors on every floor and inside each bedroom? Are they functioning properly? Are the batteries changed at least twice a year? Are the units tested at least twice a year? Are smoke alarms replaced at least every 10 years? Is a carbon monoxide detector /alarm installed outside of sleeping area(s) and each house level?
- Do you have extinguishers in required locations and are they fully charged, and easily accessible (i.e. kitchen, laundry room, garage and basement)? Are family members trained in their use as appropriate?
- Is your fireplace or stove operating properly, and has the chimney been cleaned or inspected?
- Do windows (especially second floor bedroom) open quickly?
- Are fire escape ladders available?
- Are space heaters in good repair and used properly?
- Is emergency lighting available in event of power outage?
- Is the heater/furnace in good working order and inspected annually?
- Is gasoline/kerosene stored properly?
- Are the range and vents cleaned regularly to prevent grease accumulation?
- Are pot/pan handles turned inwards while cooking?
- Do you avoid leaving items cooking on the stove unattended?
- Do you clean the lint from the screen in the dryer after each load?

Electrical Safety

- Do all outlets and switches have cover plates in place? Are all ground-fault interrupters functioning and appropriately located? Are outlets/extension cords overloaded? Are the right size bulbs used in all lamps and light fixtures?
- Are all extension cords free from damage, secured properly to prevent tripping hazards and not used as a permanent connection to the power source? Are they not placed under carpet or furniture? Are they the proper size for the load they are intended to carry?
- Are all tools and appliance cords free of damage and stored properly? Are small appliances unplugged when not in use?
- Do all fuse or breaker boxes have doors in place and are they easily accessible?
- Are all circuit breakers labeled?

Chemical Safety

- Are cleaners, insecticides, poisons, pool chemicals, lawn and garden chemicals, and flammables stored in a safe manner, in original containers, and out of the reach of children?
- Are all car care products (lubricants, coolants, greases, aerosols, antifreeze, etc.) stored in a safe manner, in original containers, and out of the reach of children and pets?
- Is appropriate personal protective equipment worn when using hazardous chemicals?
- Are all medicines stored in a safe manner, and out of the reach of children? Are they discarded in a safe manner?

Outdoor/Recreational Safety

Outdoor Safety

- Are all lawn or garden tools in good repair and stored properly and inspected prior to use? Is personal protective equipment available and in good repair? Are keys removed from equipment when not in use?
- Are grills, patio, pool/hot tub/spa equipment maintained and inspected before use? Are propane tanks within date?
- Is the pool area fenced in with gates that self-close and self-latch with latches higher than your child can reach to keep children out? If there is access to the pool area from the house, is it kept securely locked?
- When in or around the pool, are children supervised by an adult at all times (children should be kept within an arm's length and never left alone even for a few seconds)? Have you considered hiring a lifeguard or assigning someone to monitor children/others in the pool?
- Do you keep CD players, radios, and other electrical devices away from pools or nearby wet surfaces?
- Do you keep children away from pool filters as the suction force may injure them and prevent them from surfacing?
- Are all toys removed from the pool after use so children aren't tempted to reach for them?
- Have you installed dome-shaped outlet covers to limit suction on the drain of hot tubs/spas to avoid entrapment?
- Do you encourage everyone to use the "buddy system" and never to swim alone?
- Do you ensure that everyone leaves the pool during a lightning storm?

Hunting/Fishing

- Are all your firearms stored in lawful and safe storage areas and cabinets? Is ammunition stored separate from your firearms? Has your family had firearm safety training?
- Are bows and arrows stored properly and inspected before use, and out of reach of children?
- Are hooks and lures stored properly, clean and free of line tangles, and out of reach of children?
- Are all hunting/fishing knives stored with protective sheaths?

Recreational

- Is your boat maintained and equipped to current Coast Guard standards? Are proper sized life vests available for all passengers?
- Do you and your family have all the necessary personal protective equipment for the sport(s) that you are engaging in, and is it in good repair?
- Are your recreational vehicles well maintained? Has the propane system been inspected to ensure it is functioning properly?
- Are all parts of swing sets or other outdoor equipment securely fastened, anchored, free of rust, splinters, and sharp edges?

Vehicle/Trailer

- Is your vehicle (auto, motorcycle, bicycle, etc.) and/or trailer properly maintained and in good repair?
- Do you do inspections of lights, tires, brakes, steering, etc. before each use?
- Are correct child seats used and properly installed?

Fall/Trip and Cut Hazards

- Are your driveways, stairs, and decks free from toys, clutter, moss slippery painted surfaces, loose bricks, and ice/snow?
- Are shower stalls/bath tubs equipped with non-slip surfaces and handrails?
- Is the correct size ladder used for the intended job? Is the ladder in good repair?
- Do all staircases have handrails?
- Are throw rugs skid resistant?
- Are your knives and scissors stored safely and out of reach of children? Are knives stored with protective sheaths?

Emergency Preparation

- Is your family and household prepared in the event of a major snow storm or hurricane? Do you have a communication plan and do you have Ready Kits available?
- Has your family formulated an evacuation plan in case of fire or natural disaster? Have you practiced it lately?
- Is there a member of your family that has first aid training or CPR?
- Are your doors and windows secure, and locks working properly?
- Are emergency numbers posted and visible?
- Is there a fully stocked first aid kit readily available?
- Are emergency numbers posted? Do children know how to place a 911 call?
- Is your house/apartment number clearly visible from the street/posted on mailbox/other location and readily visible to emergency personnel?
- Is emergency lighting available in event of power outage?

Miscellaneous

- Are shelving units, file cabinets, tall dressers, etc. properly secured? Are items stored properly (heavier items on bottom shelves with lighter weight ones on upper shelves)?
- Have you considered possible health risks from (and if indicated, tested for) lead, radon, asbestos, mercury, mold and carbon monoxide?
- Is the dryer properly vented using non-collapsible piping?
- Is the garage bay door equipped with an auto-reverse feature? Are the door controls out of the reach of children?
- Is your water heater set at 120 F?