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| Home | | HOUSEHOLD SAFETY CHECKLIST | | |  |
| FIRE | | | ELECTRIC | | |
|  | Install and test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as recommended. | |  | Clean and electrical appliances as manufacturers recommend. | |
|  | Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless they have a long-life battery. Replace smoke alarms every ten years. | |  | Sign up for alerts from local weather stations in the event of a weather emergency. | |
|  | Prepare a fire escape plan and practise drills with the entire family. | |  | Place torches and backup batteries on bedside tables and other areas of the home. | |
|  | Keep furniture, curtains, tea towels and flammable materials at least three feet (one metre) from any heat source. | | Check electrical sources for needed repairs | | |
|  | Use a fireproof and waterproof safe for your valuables. | |  | Replace outlet covers if they are damaged or missing. | |
|  | Place fire extinguishers in the home; inspect and learn how to use them as recommended. | |  | Install ground circuit interrupters near water areas such as the kitchen, bath, laundry and garage. | |
|  | Assemble a disaster kit, store it in a safe place and refill it every six months if needed. | |  | Keep small appliances away from water sources. | |
|  | Place an escape ladder near any window or balcony above ground level. | |  | Don’t overload outlets with too many electrical plugs. | |
|  | Place fire starter items in a safe place and away from open flames such as lighters, hobs and candles. | |  | Check all cords and wiring for damage. | |
|  | Store chemicals and flammables safely, away from open flames and out of reach of children. Read all labels before using them and become familiar with warnings and safe disposal recommendations. | |  |  | |

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| GAS | | PLUMBING & WATER | |
|  | Clean and inspect gas appliances as manufacturers recommend. |  | Look for signs of water damage in the attic, basement and crawl spaces. |
| Follow gas leak warning steps if you smell gas or rotten eggs | |  | Check taps, bibs, toilets, hose bibs and shut-off valves for leaks. |
|  | Do NOT turn anything on or off that has a power source. |  | Check the sprinkler system for leaks. |
|  | Leave the home immediately. |  | Clean and inspect your dehumidifier. |
|  | Call 999 once you are outside, not from the home telephone. |  | Set the water temperature to 49°C or lower for burn prevention. Use child safety or anti-scald devices on hot water taps where needed. |
|  |  |  | Have a professional check your water pressure and look for signs of leaks or poorly conditioned pipes. |
|  |  |  | Never pour chemicals down the drain. Dispose of chemicals as recommended on the label. |
|  |  |  | Don’t pour grease down the drain. Allow it to cool in a heat-tolerant container, then throw it in the bin. |

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| GARAGE | | GROUNDS & STRUCTURE | |
|  | Store tools and sharp equipment properly to prevent injury. |  | Inspect windows, doors, walls and foundations for cracks or damage. |
|  | Place all chemicals and petrol away from open flames. Drain equipment when not in use. Clean spills immediately. |  | Inspect and repair the attic for water damage, electrical damage and loose wires. Insulate where needed for energy savings. |
|  | Use safety control buttons to lock equipment. Inspect equipment for proper function and loose parts. |  | Eliminate standing water from your property to avoid attracting unwanted bugs and animals. |
|  | Store ladders away from children’s reach. |  | Trim bushes, shrubs and trees regularly. |
|  | Store items that may be harmful to children, such as batteries, small items, cords or hose. |  | Remove leaves, debris and roots from gutters, vents, and outdoor heating and air conditioning units. |
| Include the garage in your home’s alarm monitoring system | |  | Call professionals for pest and termite control. |
|  | Use the lock on your garage door opener to prevent other remotes from opening it. |  | Install a fence with a locking gate around swimming pools. |
|  | Consider installing a garage door opener cover to keep small children from opening the door. |  | Inspect and repair decks, stairs, railings, roof, chimney, downspouts, drains, gutters, and flashing. |
| Practise car safety in the garage | |  | Inspect the basement and crawl spaces for water damage, mould and mildew. |
|  | Keep valuables and harmful products out of the car such as medicines, firearms and choking hazards. |  |  |
|  | Keep the car locked while in the garage to keep small children out of it. |  |  |
|  | Keep car keys stored in a safe place, out of the reach of children. |  |  |
|  | Hide extra keys to your car and home in the garage or give them to a trusted family member or neighbour. |  |  |