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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. |  |  |