

# WHITESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY CHECKLIST

#### **SMOKE ALARMS**

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside sleeping area.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed twice a year.
- Smoke alarms 10 years old should be replaced.

#### **ELECTRICAL + APPLICANCE SAFETY**

- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut and kept from under rugs, furniture, and carpeting.
- Dryer vents cleaned and free of lint build up.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

## **COOKING SAFETY**

- The cooking area has no items that can burn
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove

## **ESCAPE PLAN**

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.
- Do you know the emergency number for the fire department?
- Are all exits kept clear of toys, furniture, and clutter?

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms 7 years old should be replaced.

## **CANDLE SAFETY**

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach of children and pets.
- All candles are kept at least two feet away from any materials that can burn.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Are your house numbers visible from the street both day and night?
- Are household chemicals kept in properly labeled containers and away from children?
- Gasoline should be stored in an approved container away from all ignition sources.
- Matches and lighters shall be stored out of reach of children.
- Combustibles should be stored at least three feet from the furnaces and water heaters.
- Have your furnace checked every year by a furnace service.