



It's quite natural to think of your home as the safest place you can be. However, many serious accidents happen at home. Painful injuries, permanent disability and even death can be the result of home accidents. Falls and fires are particularly dangerous at home. The importance of safety is not confined to our workplace; it extends into our personal lives and homes. Fortunately, there is much we can do to improve the safety in our home. ***If you find hazards while you are inspecting your home, correct them now. If they require expert help, such as rewiring by an electrician, arrange to have the work done. Then make a regular safety review part of your family's routine!***

Common Home Hazards

Fire Prevention

- Test smoke alarms **monthly** and **replace batteries** as needed. If the alarm won't stop chirping, replace it.
- Keep fire extinguishers accessible and know how to use them.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Develop and practice a family emergency escape plan.

Carbon Monoxide Safety – An Odorless Killer

- Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas.
- Never operate generators, grills, or fuel-burning equipment inside a home, garage, or enclosed space.
- Have heating systems, fireplaces, and fuel-burning appliances inspected annually.
- If a CO alarm sounds, move everyone outdoors immediately and call emergency services.
- Test detectors monthly and replace batteries as recommended by the manufacturer.

Electrical Safety

- Do not overload outlets or power strips.
- **Replace damaged cords immediately.**
- Keep electrical devices away from water.
- Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets in kitchens, bathrooms, and outdoor areas.

Safe Storage

- Store chemicals, cleaning products, and medications in their original containers.
- Keep hazardous materials out of reach of children and pets.
- Secure tools and equipment when not in use.

Seasonal Reminder – As outdoor projects increase during warmer months, remember to:

- Stay hydrated.
- Wear appropriate PPE, including safety glasses, ear plugs and gloves when needed.
- Use caution when operating lawn equipment, power tools, and grills.
- When using a ladder, find the right size for the job, inspect it first for defects and maintain 3 points of contact.
- Protect against ticks and insects by using repellent, wearing appropriate clothing, and checking for ticks after outdoor work.





Toolbox Talk Attendance Form

Supervisor / Project Manager: _____ Date: _____

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