



LOUISVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT HOME FIRE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Address

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| Is the address posted in a minimum of four-inch numbers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the address on a contrasting background? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the address visible from the street? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Doors & Windows

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| Are exit doors provided with double cylinder key locking devices? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the key left on the interior side of the locking device when the person is at home or asleep? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are bars and other security devices placed upon windows that are not operable from the inside? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are the windows operational where they could be used for emergency egress? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In homes with windows in excess of 44" off the floor, are steps or a window seat provided so that a small child could get out of the window? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are escape ladders provided in sleeping rooms on the second floor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In newer homes with an emergency egress window in the basement, is a ladder provided in the window well to allow persons to escape to grade level? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the door between the garage and the residence portion of the house a 1-5/8" solid core door? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is it provided with a closer? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the door close and latch? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are attic covers in place? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Stairways

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| Are handrails in place and secure on all stairwells? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is storage placed under the stairways and if so, is the back of the stairway protected with sheetrock? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Extinguishers

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| Are fire extinguishers provided in the garage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are fire extinguishers provided in the kitchen? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are fire extinguishers provided in the basement? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are fire extinguishers fully charged? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are fire extinguishers hung up in an accessible location? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Has the fire extinguisher been taken down off the wall, turned over, and the powder allowed to flow from bottom to top? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Smoke Detectors

	Good	Bad
Are smoke detectors installed on each level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are smoke detectors installed in sleeping rooms of the home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are smoke detectors working?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have the batteries been changed within the last year? (Suggest twice a year)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have 120-volt detectors been checked on a monthly basis with the test button?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have battery operated detectors been checked on a monthly basis with the test button?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The 1991 Uniform Building Code requires a smoke detector that is 120-volt powered with battery backup be placed within each sleeping room along with a smoke detector on each level. All detectors are interconnected so that if one activates, all detectors will activate. Are all units still in place, operate, and have the batteries been changed each year (at a minimum)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wiring/Appliances

	Good	Bad
Are all outlet and switchplate covers in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all junction boxes provided with an approved coverplate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are extension cords being attached to the walls, ceilings or over doorways or used because the house doesn't have receptacles at the locations where power is needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are extension cords being used because the house doesn't have receptacles at the locations where power is needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are multiple power adapters in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are appliance cords and plugs in good condition without nicks or splices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are appliance cords not run under rugs, carpeting, and furniture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is ROMEX wiring run outside of walls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there splices in power cords to appliances or outside of a junction box on house wiring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are outlets in good condition without broken pieces?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do switches appear to be operating properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are light covers in place on light fixtures in closets?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are light covers in place on the exterior of the building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the light bulbs larger than the rating on the light fixture?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the microwave oven on a separate circuit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the house wired with aluminum wiring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the circuit directory inside the circuit panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the circuit directory marked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do the breakers appear to be in good working condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is a 30" clear space provided around the circuit panel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Storage

	Good	Bad
Are storage areas neat and storage away from such units as the furnace and water heater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are combustible liquids such as gasoline, Coleman fuel, kerosene, and propane stored in properly marked containers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are combustibles away from potential ignition sources such as furnaces, water heaters and appliances that may produce heat or a spark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are combustibles <u>not</u> stored in basements, bedrooms, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are combustible liquids such as stains or paints that are used within the home properly stored?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are rags used for such placed in a metal container with a sealed lid?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Water Heater

	Good	Bad
Is the clothes dryer vented?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the vent attached to the dryer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the area behind the dryer clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommend that the dryer vent hose, piping, and inside lint trap be cleaned. The unit needs to be unplugged when cleaning the vent pipe. Has the water heater been checked by a reputable service company in the last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the water heater have the guard in place for the pilot light?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the exhaust vent piping from the water heater to the vent through the roof of the house appear to be in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the draft diverter (on the top of the water heater) and the exhaust piping attached and appear to be in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the gas line to the water heater copper pipe or black iron pipe? Approved epoxy-coated flex lines and brass lines with flanges, not soldered fittings are permissible. Rigged pipe is also approved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is storage kept a minimum of 36" from the water heater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Furnace

	Good	Bad
Has the forced air furnace or boiler unit been checked by a reputable service company within the last year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the furnace motor clean and free of dust and lint?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the furnace filter clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the furnace filter changed frequently (recommend once a month during cold season)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the vent piping from the top of the furnace to the vent through the roof of the house appear to be in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the gas line to the furnace copper pipe or black iron pipe? Approved epoxy-coated flex lines and brass lines with flanges, not soldered fittings are permissible. Rigged pipe is also approved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are covers to the furnace on?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are covers to the furnace in place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is storage kept a minimum of 36" from the furnace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fireplace/Wood-Burning Stoves

	Good	Bad
Does the house have a fireplace or wood-burning stove?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has it been cleaned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has it been checked by a reputable cleaning company?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

