

Home Safety & Claim Prevention Checklist

Multiple Times A Year

- Replace batteries in smoke detectors during time changes (every 6 months).
- Clean dryer vents (can DIY with a vacuum cleaner) (1-2 times per year).
- Change furnace filters (monthly to 2 times per year depending on furnace/filter type).

Every Year

- Check your fire extinguisher (should be located close to the kitchen).
- Review and discuss family emergency evacuation plan for fire/tornadoes/earthquakes/etc.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows where the main water shutoff valve is located, and how to turn it off.
- Ensure CO2 detector is working.
- Check flashing around fireplace.
- Clean gutters (if open).
- Check all cords accessible to pets for damage from chewing.

As Needed/Other

- Change washer hoses (every 7 years).
- Have a home inventory done and stored off site (video and/or pictures) and keep it updated.
- Leave a spare key with a neighbor, relatives, or friends who can check on your home while you are out of town.
- Purchase a fire proof safe or safety deposit box at a bank or credit union to store valuable papers and items (life insurance, titles, deeds, passports, social security cards, birth certificates, wedding photos, etc.).
- Create a list of emergency contacts. This can be on your phone or computer but a printed version can come in handy, especially if someone is watching your kids or your house while you're away (poison control, doctors, pharmacy, school info, neighbors, relatives, babysitters).
- Place a TIKE sticker (Toddler Info Kept for Emergencies) on your child's car seat. Contact us and we will send you one!



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