



MADISON FIRE DISTRICT— SENIORS HOME SAFETY PROGRAM

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A Message from the Fire District

The Madison Fire District has been providing fire and EMS services to the communities of Madison Village and Madison Township for more than 30 years. We are proud to expand our services to the community by supporting a new pro-

gram specifically designed for our senior residents age 65 and over. As our community matures, this population continues to dedicate themselves to supporting the safety forces. Now we have a program in place to support our senior commu-

nity and give back to those who supported us throughout our history. We hope our senior residents take advantage of our program to promote safety and get to meet both FF. Meister and Ivancic.

Firefighter Justin Meister and Robert Ivancic lead the Senior Home Safety Program



Firefighter Justin Meister and Firefighter Robert Ivancic (left to right)

The Madison Fire District recently created a program to support our senior community. As members of Madison's Public Safety services, our pro-

gram goals are to promote safe and healthy living for our seniors while providing education and promoting prevention.

The vial of life program co-sponsored by University Hospital's Geneva Medical Center provides our EMT's valuable medical information during emergencies.

Our smoke detector program allows seniors to have smoke detectors installed in their homes and their smoke detector batteries changed free of charge twice per year.

For more information or assistance making your home safer please contact Justin or Robert at 428-6531.

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- ◇ Smoke detectors on each floor of the home
- ◇ Extension cords in good condition and used properly
- ◇ Space heaters 3 feet from combustibles and unplugged when not in use
- ◇ Furnace/Chimney checked/cleaned annually
- ◇ Lint filter in dryer cleaned regularly
- ◇ Store Flammables (gasoline/kerosene) properly
- ◇ Throw rugs slip resistant
- ◇ Non-slip mats in showers/bathtubs
- ◇ Telephone close to the bed
- ◇ Adequate lighting in home
- ◇ Medical information easily accessible
- ◇ Visible home address



- ◇ **Smoke detectors on each floor of the home– this protects all occupants and will provide an early warning in case of smoke or fire. The ideal location is near the primary living and sleeping areas**
- ◇ **Extension cords in good condition and used properly– often times fires originate from extension cords in poor condition and/or extension cords that do not have independent breakers or that are overloaded**
- ◇ **Space heaters 3 feet from combustibles and unplugged when not in use– for convenience many times space heaters are placed near beds of other furniture to keep the occupants warm, this often results in excessive heat on combustible material.**
- ◇ **Furnace/Chimney checked/cleaned annually– build up of creosote in the fire chimney provides fuels and can lead to chimney fires, dirty furnace filters or poorly maintained furnaces can result in poor combustion and possibly produce carbon monoxide**
- ◇ **Lint filter in dryer cleaned regularly– the build up of lint in the dryer places combustibles near a heat source.**
- ◇ **Flammables (gasoline/kerosene) stored properly– flammables should be stored in an appropriate container outside of the living area and away from heat sources**
- ◇ **Throw rugs slip resistant– throw rugs are the leading trip hazard in the home of senior citizens, two sided tape to secure the edges will minimize the hazard**
- ◇ **Non-slip mats in showers/bathtubs– non-slip mats are designed to reduce the risk of bathroom falls, providing secure footing for the homeowner**
- ◇ **Telephone close to the bed– this allows the resident access to communications throughout the evening hours when many emergencies occur**
- ◇ **Adequate lighting in home– replace bulbs and fixtures to eliminate shadows and minimize the risk of tripping on an object**
- ◇ **Medical information easily accessible-the district promotes the use of the file of life, containing life saving information for emergency providers**
- ◇ **Clearly posted address– make sure house numbers are visible for ease in locating residence**

Comments: _____

Resident signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Services: _____ Vial of life _____ Install smoke

_____ Install CO _____ Batteries

Fire District member: _____

Date: _____