Job Task

Home Accident Prevention

Hazard Review

Fire, poisons, cuts, burn, falls, and death

1. Emergency telephone numbers should be posted by your telephone.
2. A smoke detector should be in the home.
3. A carbon monoxide should be provided if gas appliances are in the home.
4. Detergents, drugs, and toxic substances should be stored safely, labeled properly, and kept out of reach of children.
5. Gas stoves should have an automatic cut-off device in the event of flame failure.
6. Disconnect small appliances when not in use.
7. Keep stairs and hallways clear of objects and household equipment such as brooms, mops, and vacuum cleaners.
8. Adequate lighting that can be turned off or on from either end of the stairway should be provided.
9. Do not place rugs at the head or foot of stairs or on landings unless they are mode of non-skid material or have mats under them to hold them in place to prevent slipping.
10. Worn, loose or torn floorings should be replaced or repaired immediately.
11. Extension cords should be of an approved type and carry the label of the Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
12. Extension cords should not be left connected to outlets where children may put the loose end into their mouth.
13. Ground all washing machines and clothes dryers.
14. Heating equipment, including fire boxes, flues, and chimneys, should be inspected periodically to assure their being in good repair and in safe operating condition.
15. Don’t try to find a gas leak. Call the gas company or fire department if you suspect a leak.
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16. Cut away from the body when using a knife and always keep your fingers in the clear.
17. Store sharp-edged tools safely and make sure handles should be firmly attached to sharp-edged tools.
18. Look the lawn over carefully before mowing. Remove any metal toys, tools, stones, or other hard objects that may be propelled by the mower blades.
19. Wear ridged shoes when mowing.
20. Do not remove or prop open the mower guards.
21. Keep lawns and sidewalks raked free from leaves so that any surface depression can easily be seen.
22. Hedges, shrubs, and trees should not obscure the view of the street from the driveway, or hide the presences of a child toward the driveway.
23. Never reach more than 12 inches beyond the siderails of a ladder.
24. When using a straight or extension ladder, set it at a safe angle. The distance from the base of the ladder to a line dropped vertically from the top support should be approximately one-fourth the distance to the top support.