

## Home Safety Practices

A person's home is where he or she lives; and in some situations, the home also may be an occupant's office or business location. Safety in the home is important. Several steps and tasks can be completed to ensure home safety and prevent accidents.

### **Directions:**

Imagine you are a Safety Consultant. Complete the following tasks.

1. Both online and in the library, research home safety practices. When researching, be sure to gather factual information and statistics. Create a works cited page or a works cited list of resources using MLA/APA style. You must gather at least two online articles and two books/articles from the library. (NOTE: You will need about eight to 10 resources to complete this project.) The following list identifies possible websites to begin researching.

- <http://www.osha.gov/>
- <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/>

2. Create checklists to evaluate the home safety. Create a checklist for *each* of the following topics.

- Fire Prevention
- Accident Prevention
- Poison Prevention

Each checklist should ask questions to examine the home and determine how safe the home is. The checklist should include only closed-ended questions— answers are limited to a few choices, such as “yes” or “no.” Each checklist should have a minimum of 10 questions. After preparing the questions, have your teacher give you approval by initialing and dating below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Examine the place you live or consider home. Use the checklists you created to evaluate safety. Complete the checklists as you survey. Be sure to note any other safety issues. Be sure you evaluate the following concerns.

- Examine mechanical conditions
- Examine environmental hazards
- Investigate health concerns

Have your guardian initial and date below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4. With your findings and assessments, create a Home Safety Proposal. The proposal should present your findings, offer solutions for safety and provide information on training those who reside in the home. The proposal must address the following issues.

- Safety:
  - Personal safety
  - Violations of safety
  - Safety Supplies
    - Gloves
    - Face mask

- Etc.
- Prevention and Maintenance
  - Ways to prevent accidents/crimes
  - Ways to maintain a safe environment
- Situation Responses:
  - Process for dealing with violations
  - Process for acknowledging safe practices
- Emergency Situation
  - In case of weather emergencies (e.g., tornadoes)
  - In case of fire (e.g., an evacuation plan)

The proposal's appendix should include the following:

- Fire evacuation plan
- List of emergency phone numbers

## Personal and Occupational Safety Practices

### **Teacher Directions:**

- Approve the checklists. This will ensure the students are asking applicable and relevant questions.
- Consider having students exchange proposals. Students should then review and critique the proposals, noting what information is complete and thorough and what information is incomplete and lacking.
- Instead of a proposal, students could form groups and create a Home Safety Safety Seminar. The seminar could be presented to the PTA, school faculty and/or administrators. The seminar should train people about the proper procedures and practices ensuring safety in the home.