



Home Safety Survey



Richmond Fire Prevention
646-6640

The Richmond Fire and Emergency Services offers free home safety surveys to residents of the city. Call the **Richmond Metro Hotline at 1-888-537-5967** (toll free) to request a free home safety survey. A fire department representative will contact you to schedule an appointment. Fire personnel will assess your home's general safety and vulnerability to fire by asking questions about:

- Home evacuation plans
- Furnace and fireplace cleanings
- Safe storage of flammable materials
- Smoke alarm placement
- Space heaters
- Extension cord use
- Safety practices in kitchens and around water
- Smoking habits
- Other possible fire hazards

If there are children in the home, the representative will focus on efforts to keep children safe, such as

- Keeping medicines, cleaning fluids and sharp objects in a latched or locked cabinet or drawer
- Using toddler gates at the top and bottom of stairs in homes with a child under 3 years old
- Keeping window blind and drapery cords secured
- Determining if there is chipping or peeling paint
- Using safe furniture and toys
- Assessing general safety precautions to prevent accidents and injuries