

# **Test Your Home's Safety**

Your home may not be a steel mill or a coalmine – but it can present hazards more than equal to those in many industries can.

As a matter of fact, more accidents occur off the job at home than on the job.

Each year, 27,000 people are killed, and more than four (4) million are disabled by home accidents. Many of these accidents happen because unsafe conditions go unnoticed and unsafe acts go unchecked.

How safe are you in your home? The checklist on these pages can help you find out.

If you have fewer than 10 “No” answers, your home is reasonable safe. You’re asking for trouble is you have 10 to 25 “No” answers (and you better do something about it now). If you check more than 25 “No” answers, make sure your insurance premiums are up to date!!!!

## **BATHROOM**

<b>Do you</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1. Have nonskid mats or textured surfaces in tubs and showers?		
2. Have a sturdy grab bar for your tub or shower?		
3. Have medicines clearly labeled and read the label before taking any medicine?		
4. Keep medicines stored safely out of the reach of small children?		
5. Dry your hands before using electrical appliances – and never operate them when you’re in the bathtub?		
6. Avoid using hair sprays near open flame or when smoking?		
7. Keep night lights in bathrooms for children and elderly persons?		

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### KITCHEN

<b>Do You</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1. Have stove and sink areas well lighted?		
2. Turn pot handles away from stove front, but not over another burner?		
3. Wipe up spills immediately?		
4. Have a rack or compartment tray for sharp knives?		
5. Make sure your hands are dry before operating electrical appliances?		
6. Use potholders and make sure they are dry?		
7. Use a step stool when reaching into high cupboards?		
8. Have emergency phone numbers handy to your telephone (police, fire, doctor, utilities, etc)?		
9. Look for the UL (Underwriters' Laboratories) or AGA (American Gas Association) label whenever you buy appliances?		
10. Replace old cracked or frayed electrical appliance cords?		
11. Keep insecticides, household cleaners and disinfectants in their original containers and separate from food and out of the reach of children?		
12. Know that water should not be poured on a grease fire?		
13. Shield yourself from hot steam when removing covers from hot pans by lifting the far side first?		
14. Avoid wearing loose, flimsy garments around sources of flame?		
15. Cut away from you when using a knife?		
16. Have a 20-ampere line to safely carry the heavy load needed to operate kitchen appliances such as electric grills, waffle irons and rotisseries?		
17. Keep flammable liquids, (paints, thinners, especially gasoline, out of basement areas and away from pilot lights.		