



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

A SIMPLE CHECKLIST FOR HOME SAFETY

- SHUTOFF TOOL NEAR GAS METER:** Keep a shutoff tool near the gas meter. Obtain the instructional diagram provided by the Department of Building Inspection.
- HOT WATER HEATERS:** All water heaters must be properly secured & strapped. Pressure relief valves, shut off valves, and vent connectors must be properly in place and operational.
- SECURITY BARS, & ENTRANCE GATES:** All security bars in sleeping rooms must be openable from the inside with a hand release (no keys, combination locks, or special knowledge is allowed to open security bars or gates). Double cylinder locks (which require a key from the inside and outside) are not allowed in any room used for sleeping.
- VENTILATION FOR GAS APPLIANCES:** All rooms with gas appliances must have proper ventilation.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Keep a charged Type 2A 10BC or equivalent Fire Extinguisher in your home and know how to use it in an emergency.
- WOOD DECKS, BALCONIES, STAIRS, GUARD RAILS, & HAND RAILS:** You should have these structures inspected annually for deterioration by a licensed professional pest control contractor, general building contractor, architect, or engineer to ensure their safety and stability. Have these professionals provide you with a written report of any recommended repairs. Obtain building permits for all structural repairs.
- SMOKE DETECTORS:** Keep battery powered smoke detectors in bedrooms, hallways, basements, and garages. Replace the batteries every year.