Home Safety Checklist

Homes Ownership

North Wales Housing is actively working to improve the safety of its tenants and this includes those who part own their homes.

As a homeowner you will be aware of the benefits from improved safety measures.

This factsheet identifies aspects of the home that are important in ensuring the safety to you and your family.

**Home Heating**

Reduce household fires and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning from faulty flues or equipment by having gas, oil and solid fuel heating appliances professionally serviced once a year.

It is important that you make sure that all gas appliances, piping and flues in your home are well maintained and safe. Annual Servicing of gas boilers and appliances are recommended to be undertaken by Gas Safe registered contactors.

Examine outside vents and check if they are properly sealed and clear of obstruction to prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

**Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors generously around the home ideally, they should be on every floor.

Test these alarms monthly and replace any that don’t work immediately.

Be sure that all the family know how to escape in the event of a fire.

**Electrical**

Reduce the risk of electrical fires or electrocution by never using appliances with cracked plugs or worn cables.

Check for faulty electrical systems – feel all outlets & plugs and see if they are warm.

Do not overload outlets.

**Bogus Callers**

Reports of scams are on the rise with scammers becoming more and more believable in how they operate. Here is some safety advice that can help you protect yourself and those around you:

* Be on guard if someone you don’t know turns up on your doors step unexpectedly
* Genuine callers will not mind waiting, so ask to see their identification
* Use a door chain or bar and keep it on while talking to unknown visitors - it’s your home – you don’t have to let anyone in!
* If in doubt, keep them out. Dial 999 if you’re suspicious or the caller won’t leave.
* Call the police non-emergency number 101 if you’re not in immediate danger but want to report an incident

**Hoarding**

Hoarding is when a person’s items become so bad it affects their day to day life. This can lead to many dangers, such as:

* Risk of fire
* Risk of harm
* Damage to the structure of the property

**For further information please contact the Homes Ownership Coordinator on 01492 563287 / 07976 829 252**