

## Donegal County Council Home Safety Check Sheet

### Detection! ..... **Smoke / Heat and Carbon Monoxide Alarms:**

- Is there a minimum of one working smoke alarm at each level?
- Do you test smoke alarms weekly?
- Are smoke alarms less than 10 years old?
- Is there a heat detector in your kitchen?
- Are there carbon monoxide alarms in the room(s) where gas appliances, oil or solid fuels is being used?
- If your escape is through another room, does that room have a smoke detector?

### Prevention! ..... **Housekeeping issues:**

- Are your chimneys cleaned annually?
- Are extension leads checked that they are not overloaded ?
- Is there a fire blanket in the kitchen?
- Is there a working fire extinguisher in the kitchen?
- Are matches/lighters kept in a safe location away from young children?
- Are chargers CE certified and used only on hard surfaces?

### Routine! ..... **Last thing at night:**

- Are all unnecessary electrical appliances switched off?
- All doors are closed and escape routes unobstructed?
- All candles/incense burners put out?
- A spark guard is placed in front of open fires?
- All cigarettes are fully put out and ashtrays emptied safely?
- A key for each escape window and door is immediately available?

### Evacuation! ..... **Escape Plan:**

- Do all occupants know what to do if they discover a fire?
- Do you have an alternative escape route arranged?
- Do you have a pre-arranged external assembly point, known to all occupants?
- Following your escape, do you have a means of raising the alarm?
- Do all the occupants of the house know to call either '999' or '112' in the event of a fire?
- Do the occupants know the Eircode of the house?

**Smoke alarms - Test Weekly - Obvious dangers - Plan escape route = STOP !**