



## RISK & TIP SHEET

# Home Safety Checklist

Any time is a good time to take a fresh look at the safety of your home. Use your common sense and the following checklist to help evaluate home hazards and safeguard your family.

### Inside the house:

- When was the last time you tested your smoke alarms? Changed the batteries?
- Do you have a fire escape route for your family?
- Do you notice any frayed wires, wires under carpets, loose plugs or gas smells around pipes or appliances?
- Do your throw rugs have non-skid padding under them?
- Do your staircases have handrails and slip-resistant floor coverings?
- Is there a bath/shower mat near the bathtub or shower?
- Are household cleaning products and medications kept out of children's reach? Do they have childproof caps?
- Do you have a carbon monoxide detector in your home?
- Is the number of your local poison control center posted near every phone?

### Outside the house:

- Uneven ground? Level problem areas or mark them to prevent a fall.
- Do you have ice-melt, salt, or sand for icy driveways, sidewalks and porches?
- Are power tools and hazardous substances like weed killers, fertilizers or grease-removing solvents locked inside a cabinet, out of children's reach?
- Are flammable materials, such as gasoline or oil-soaked rags, in appropriate containers?
- Have you inspected your overhead garage door lately? Do you keep the garage door down and locked at all times, even if you are inside the house or in the yard Is the automatic reverse mechanism working properly? Test it monthly!
- If you have a swimming pool, does it have a locked barrier to keep kids out when no adults are around to supervise them?