

## **June is Home Safety Month**

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After work, school or activities of the day, we come home to renew and relax in a safe environment. There are so many things on our “to do” list and yet occasionally thoughts creep in whether our home could be safer. The answer is, yes! Eighty percent of injuries and fires will happen in the home. The Home Safety Council has dedicated June as “Home Safety Month”. It is time to answer safety questions you might have, such as:

- Would our family know how to get out of our home safely if there was a fire?
- Would I know how to put out a fire on the stove/oven?
- If I had to use a fire extinguisher, would I know how? Is it charged?
- Do I have enough smoke alarms? Are they in the right place? Are they too old?
- Is there a system of fire protection to keep me safe even when we are not home?
- Am I at risk for a dryer, furnace or chimney fire? Can I prevent these?
- Are there things in my house that would cause falls to happen?
- Is the water temperature of our home safe?
- Is our home truly kid-proof of chemicals and poisons?
- Do I have carbon monoxide, natural gas or radon in my home?

There is help! *The Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department* offers

**Home Safety Surveys.** It is a non-threatening, confidential, room to room check of your home by a firefighter. Your awareness of potential fire, injury or crime hazards that are in your home is heightened. If children are present, a fire drill is done. If smoke alarms are needed, one can be installed for free. All information is protected by Data Privacy. It is done at *your* convenience and is **FREE**. A resident completing the Home Safety Survey will also receive coupons for a:

- **Free** large 2-topping pizza at Chanticlear Pizza, 914 125<sup>th</sup> Lane in Blaine
- **Free** 3-month subscription of the Spring Lake Park-Blaine Life newspaper
- **Free** Subway sandwich at 12410 Aberdeen St. in Blaine

We are here to make your life safer, let us help!

**Call the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department @ 763-767-4003**