

Building Safety Checklist

Use this checklist to find out if your house is safe.



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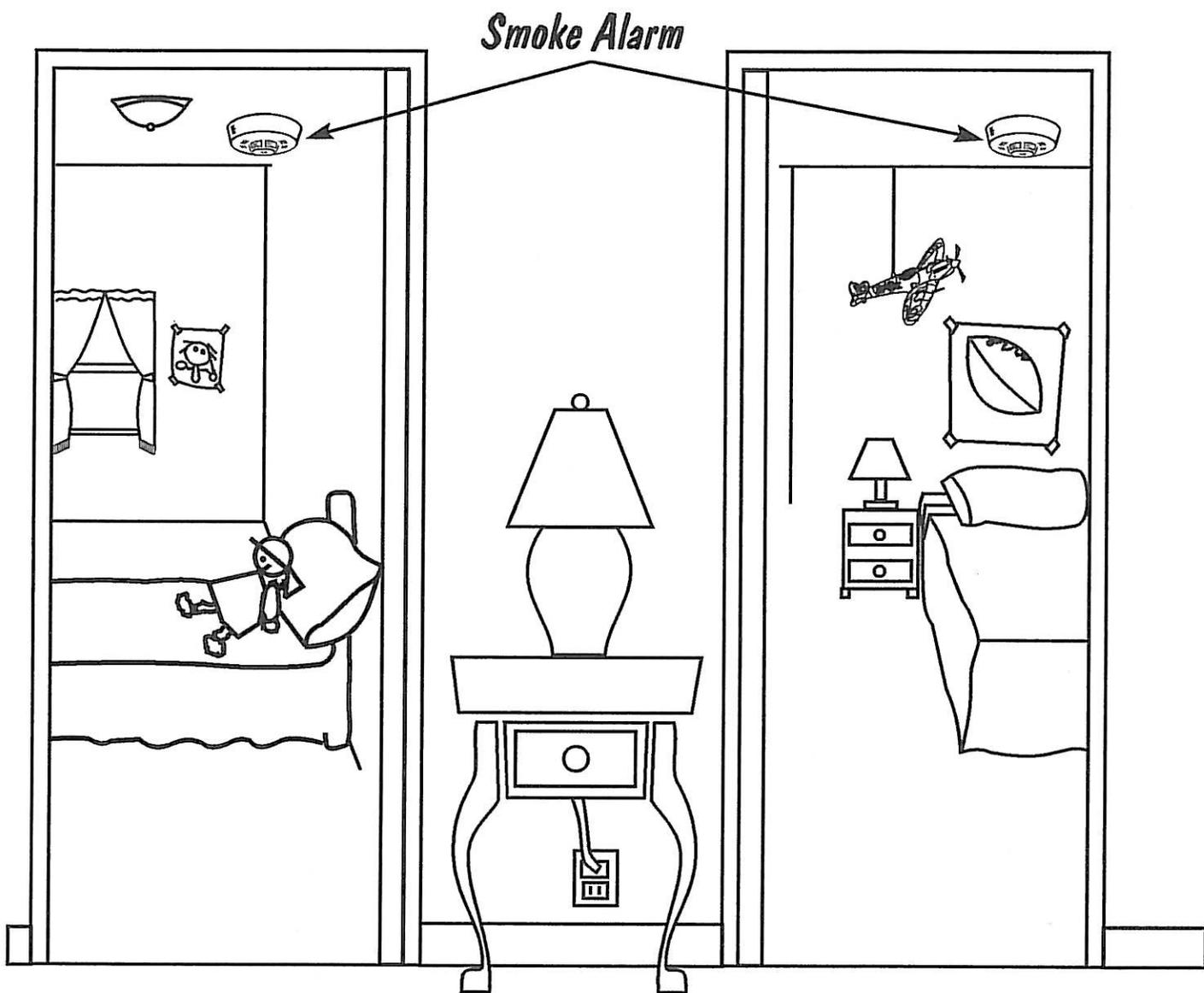
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| 1. Is there at least one window in each bedroom that can be easily opened? | Yes | No |
| 2. Is there at least one working smoke alarm near the bedrooms in your house? | Yes | No |
| 3. Do all the stairs in the house have at least one handrail continuous from top to bottom? | Yes | No |
| 4. Are there guards between the handrail and steps to protect someone from falling through them? | Yes | No |
| 5. Is there at least one door leading to the outside that you can open easily? | Yes | No |
| 6. Does your fireplace have a hearth extension? | Yes | No |
| 7. Does the shower or tub-shower have special faucets that protect you from water that's too hot? | Yes | No |
| 8. Are there electrical cords that are cracked or frayed? | Yes | No |
| 9. Are there too many wires going into electrical outlets? | Yes | No |
| 10. Does the swimming pool have a 4-foot-high fence around it with a self-closing gate and latch? | Yes | No |
| 11. Do you have an escape plan? | Yes | No |





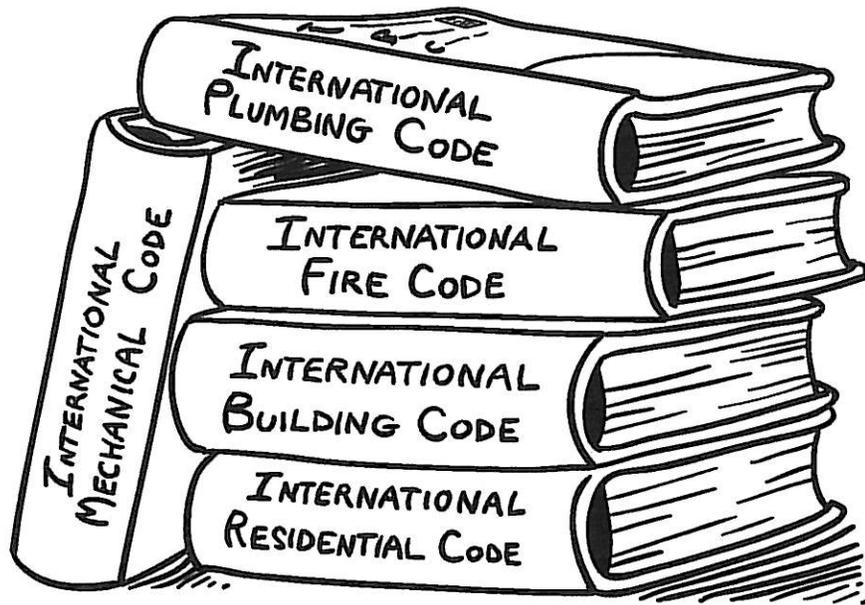
**If you have a pool, is there a fence around it?
Is the fence 4 feet tall?
Is the gate closed to keep small kids out?**





Do you have a smoke alarm in your bedroom? Does it work? If not, ask your mom or dad to put up a smoke alarm in your bedroom and make sure it works. Smoke alarms are also supposed to be placed outside each bedroom and on each floor of your home.





To do our inspection, we need our *Building Codes*.

Building Codes are books that teach us how to build safer buildings and homes.

They tell how to keep buildings from falling down when the wind blows, how to keep buildings from catching on fire, how to keep water out of buildings when it rains, how to keep from falling down stairs, how to make the water safe to drink, how to get out of buildings if there is an emergency, and many more ways to keep people safe in buildings.



As we inspect your house, I will ask you questions from the Building Codes.

Meet *Safety Inspector Sam* –

A member of the Building Safety Team

My name is *Safety Inspector Sam*.
I help *Construction Charlie*  and
Designer Dana  to make the
buildings safe. I begin by looking
at the building plans for
Designer Dana . I make sure
the building is designed
the way the building
code says, so it will
be safe. Next, I watch
Construction Charlie 
build the building and help
him to follow the safety
directions in the building code.
When the building is finished and I have
made sure it is safe, I give permission
for people to begin living, working,
or playing in the building.



Meet Designer Dana –

A member of the Building Safety Team

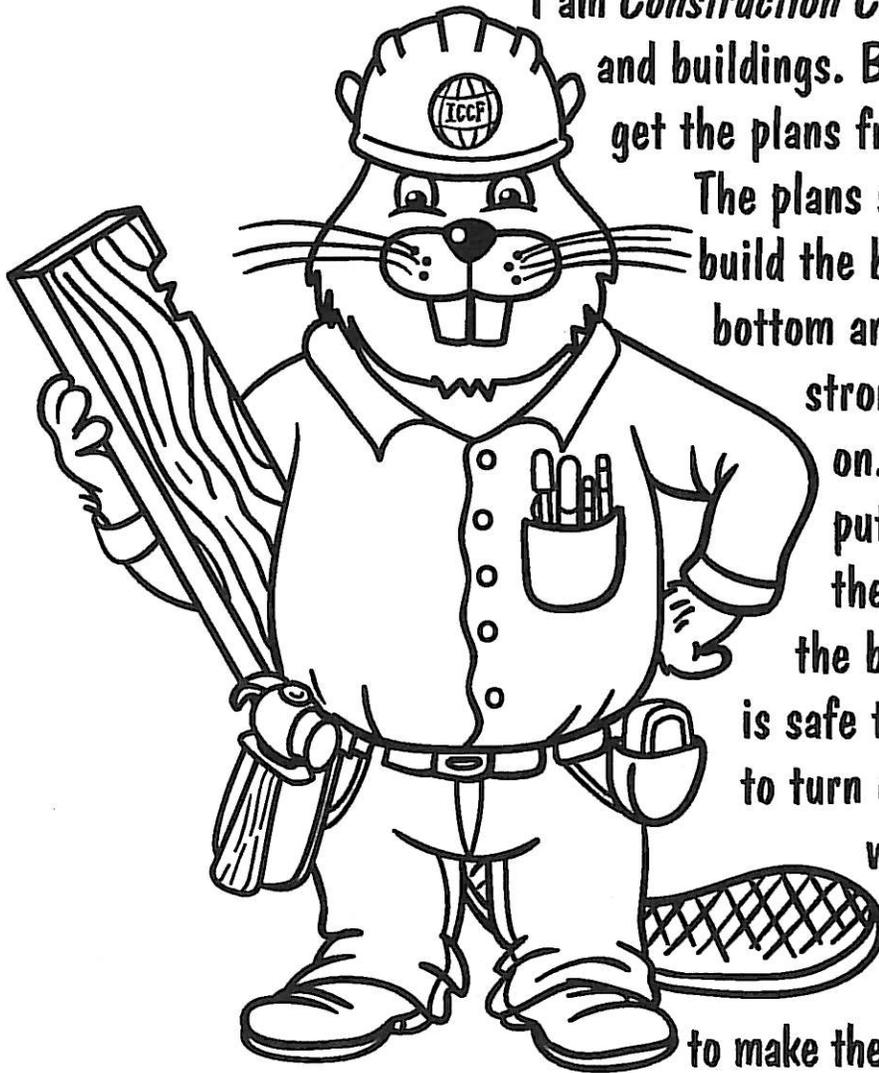
My name is Designer Dana. I create the plans that are used to build homes, schools, and other buildings. To do this, I draw pictures of how the building should be built from start to finish. I follow the instructions in the code book to make sure the building is made safe for the people who will live, work, or play in the building.

Some of the things I do are to make sure there are windows in the bedrooms so people can get out if there is an emergency. I design handrails on the stairs to keep people from falling down the steps. I put exit signs in buildings so people will know how to get out. When I am finished drawing the plans, I give them to the building department. The building department will look at the plans and make sure they have everything in them to make the building safe.



Meet *Construction Charlie* –

A member of the Building Safety Team



I am *Construction Charlie*. I build the houses and buildings. Before starting to build, I get the plans from *Designer Dana* .

The plans show pictures of how to build the building. I start at the bottom and make the foundation

strong for the building to sit on. Next, I build the frame,

put up the walls, and then the roof. I also make sure

the building has water that is safe to drink and electricity to turn on the lights. I work

with *Designer Dana* ,

Safety Inspector Sam ,

and *CODiE the Cougar* 

to make the building safe for everyone.



BUILDING SAFETY TEAM MEMBER

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For Helping Make Buildings Safer

CODIE the cougar

Safety Instructor

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