



Royal Rangers

Merit Requirements: **Gold-Bordered Merit**

HOME SAFETY

Note: This merit, the Camp Safety Merit, the Emergency Preparedness Merit, or the Lifesaving Merit is required to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement.

1. Outline a home fire plan; explain and discuss it with your family.
2. Conduct a home fire drill.
3. Survey your home and make a list of any fire hazards that are found. Develop a plan to eliminate them. Draw a diagram of your home indicating where the problems are.
4. Locate and learn how to safely turn off the following:
 - a. The main electrical fuse or circuit breaker box
 - b. The main natural gas, propane gas, or outside heating-oil tank valve
 - c. The main water shutoff valve
5. Survey your home and make a list of any electrical hazards that are found.
6. Survey your home and make a list of any hazardous chemicals and poisons that are found. With the cooperation of a parent or guardian, develop a plan for their proper storage or disposal.
7. Survey your home and make a list of any dangerous areas and conditions, such as unsafe stairways and sidewalks, broken glass, slip hazards, and trip hazards, that are found. With the cooperation of a parent or guardian, develop a plan to eliminate these unsafe conditions.
8. List at least three power tools used at your home, such as a lawn mower, electric hedge trimmer, lawn edger, and power saw, and outline the safe operating procedures for each.
9. Make a list of family procedures that can be used in case of a power failure.
10. Demonstrate first aid for bleeding and for breathing difficulties. Describe first aid for poisoning.
11. Make a list of equipment and supplies, such as a first aid kit, tools such as a shovel, bottled water, and nonperishable canned goods, that will be useful during home emergencies.
12. Assemble a home first aid kit.
13. Prepare a list of emergency telephone numbers, including the local police, fire department, ambulance service, family doctor, electric utility company, gas company, and family members' business telephone. Write the numbers in a phone book and/or post them near a telephone.
14. Write a 300-word report about the common types of accidents occurring in the home and their causes. Include facts that you have obtained concerning the frequency of various types of accidents in the home.