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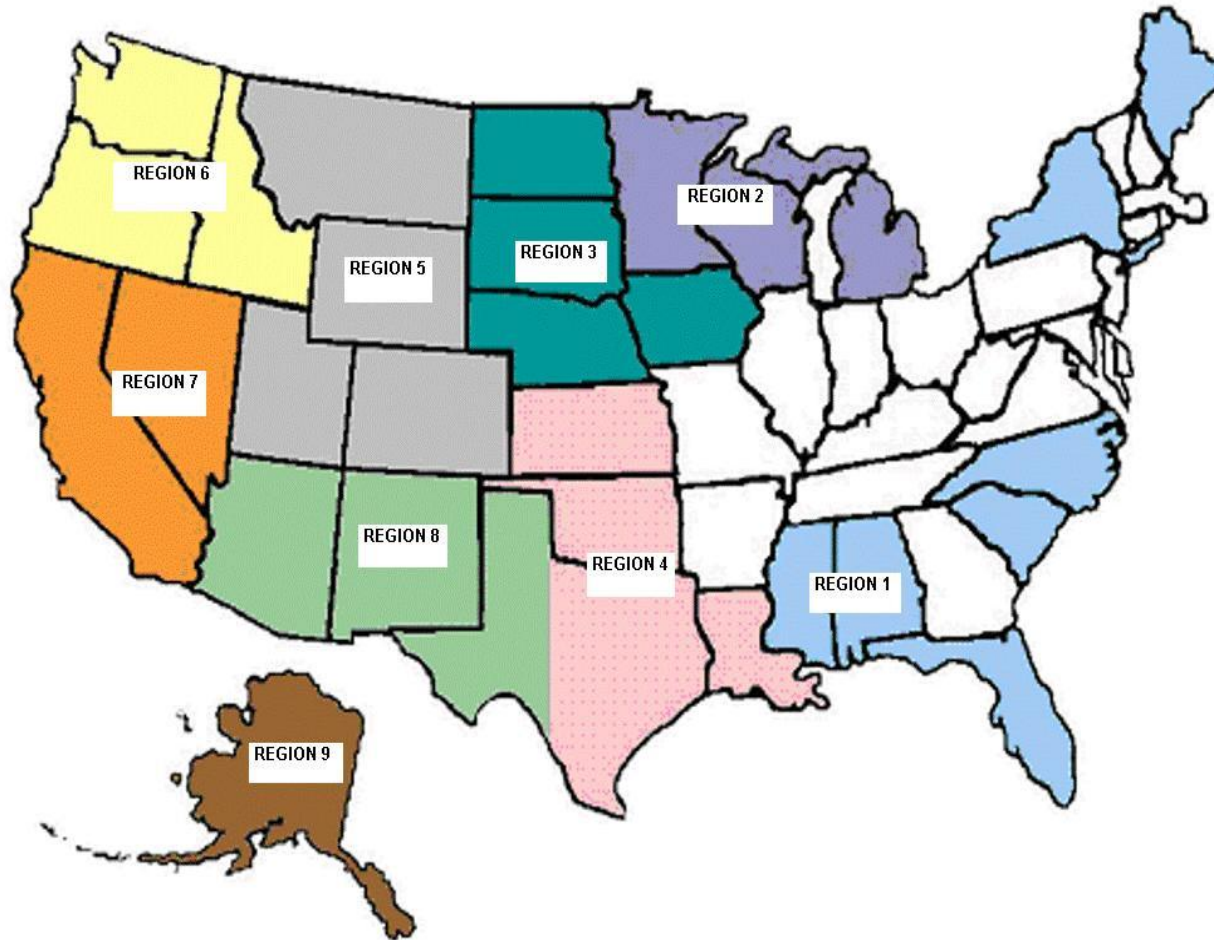
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Region 1

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

1. Wind Damage

- Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
- Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

2. Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Notify law enforcement of vacancy

3. Ice and Snow

- Inspect roof and attic for proper ventilation and insulation
- Clear roofs of snow
- Clean gutters
- Check and seal places where warm air may leak from house to attic

2Q: Apr-June

1. Wind Damage

- Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
- Inspect roofing after storms
- Repair damaged or worn areas

2. Water Damage

- Make sure sump pump works properly
- Install battery backup for sump pump
- Inspect roof—make sure it has proper eave and ridge ventilation
- Remove all trees growing next to foundation
- Keep trees trimmed to prevent from rubbing roof

3. Busted Pipes

- Inspect all household appliances
- Replace appliances' worn hoses and clogged filters/drainages
- Inspect all pipes in home—replace cracked, leaking, and rusty pipes

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

1. **Vehicle Damage to Dwelling**
 - Take vehicle to mechanic for brake functioning and checkups
 - Designate a non-drinking driver to drive
 - Follow road rules in neighborhoods
2. **Lightning**
 - Install lightning rods on roof
 - Install UL-listed lightning surge arrestors on electrical service panels and other incoming lines
3. **Arson**
 - Identify at-risk housing occupants
 - Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
 - Enforce background checks on tenants

4Q: Oct-Dec

1. **Grease Kitchen Fire**
 - Put tight-fitting lid on pot or slide a cookie sheet over cooking oil fire to smother flames
 - Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
 - Turn off overhead fan to stop spread of flames
2. **Arson**
 - Keep flammable combustibles away from home
 - Install warning and reward signage
 - Start neighborhood watch program
3. **Slips and Falls on Ice**
 - Keep walkways clear of debris, water, ice, snow, and slippery materials—especially the front entrance
 - Use floor, stair, and door mats in home entrances
 - Use salt pellets or another melting agent on icy areas
 - Drain or remove water from melted snow on walkways
 - Shovel snow off walkways

Region 2

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

4. Frozen Pipes

- Heat home at least to 65° F
- Wrap pipes with insulation sleeves
- Shut off water supply if vacant
- Open cabinet doors
- Let faucets slowly trickle water

5. Slips and Falls on Ice

- Keep walkways clear of debris, water, ice, snow, and slippery materials—especially the front entrance
- Use floor, stair, and door mats in entrances
- Use salt pellets or another melting agent on icy areas

6. Electrical Fires

- Replace damaged or worn outlets
- Install GFCIs in wet areas
- Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
- Install UL-listed lightning surge arrestors on electrical service panels and other incoming lines

2Q: Apr-June

4. Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Notify law enforcement of vacancy

5. Wind Damage

- Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
- Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

6. Smoking Materials

- Use fire-safe cigarettes
- Wet cigarette butts with water before disposing
- Use deep ashtrays and keep them away from furniture and curtains

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

- 4. Wind Damage
 - Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
 - Inspect roofing after storms
 - Repair damaged or worn areas

- 5. Slips and Falls
 - Keep floor clear and clean
 - Repair any hazardous floors, walkways, or areas near stairways
 - Maintain and clean play areas and playground equipment

- 6. Grease Kitchen Fire
 - Put tight-fitting lid on pot or slide a cookie sheet over cooking oil fire to smother flames
 - Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
 - Turn off overhead fan to stop spread of flames

4Q: Oct-Dec

- 4. Arson
 - Identify at-risk housing occupants
 - Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
 - Enforce background checks on tenants

- 5. Slips and Falls on Ice
 - Drain or remove water from melted snow on walkways
 - Shovel snow off walkways
 - Install handrails in bathrooms, stairways, and entrances

- 6. Vehicle Damage to Dwelling
 - Take vehicle to mechanic to check brake functioning
 - Designate a non-drinking driver to drive
 - Follow road rules in neighborhoods

Region 3

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

- 7. Wind Damage to Roof
 - Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
 - Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
 - Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing
- 8. Smoking Materials
 - Use fire-safe cigarettes
 - Wet cigarette butts with water before disposing
 - Use deep ashtrays and keep them away from furniture and curtains
- 9. Electrical Fires
 - Replace damaged or worn outlets
 - Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
 - Unplug electronic devices after use

2Q: Apr-June

- 7. Wind Damage to Roof
 - Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
 - Inspect roofing after storms
 - Repair damaged or worn areas
- 8. Hail Damage
 - Upgrade to impact resistant roofing
 - Inspect roof for cracked or curling shingles
 - Clean rain gutters
 - Do not install more than 2 layers of roofing
- 9. Electrical Fire
 - Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
 - Install UL-listed lightning surge arrestors on electrical service panels and other incoming lines
 - Do not plug in too many devices into an outlet
- 10. Arson
 - Limit access to vacant home
 - Install lighting around home
 - Notify law enforcement of vacancy

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

- 7. Wind Damage to Roof
 - Clear roofs of leaves and debris
 - Seal cracks and patch loose areas
 - Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing
- 8. Smoking Materials
 - Do not leave cigarettes, cigars, or pipes unattended—Never smoke in bed
 - Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in trash
 - Water down ashes—Empty ashes into an airtight metal container
- 9. Electrical Fire
 - Check electrical appliances and wiring
 - Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
 - Install GFCIs in wet areas
- 10. Fireworks
 - Always have water handy (a hose or buckets of water)
 - Make sure to wear safety glasses
 - Never allow young children (age 12 and under) to handle fireworks
 - Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, houses, and flammable items

4Q: Oct-Dec

- 7. Wind Damage to Roof
 - Clear roofs of snow and ice
 - Check interior for leaks
 - Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing
- 8. Electrical Fire
 - Check electrical appliances and wiring, especially space heaters
 - Keep spare fuses of the proper size for the circuit they protect
 - Keep area around electrical panel free of combustibles
- 9. Arson
 - Identify at-risk housing occupants
 - Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
 - Enforce background checks on tenants

Region 4

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

10.Wind Damage

- Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
- Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

11.Electrical Wiring

- Replace damaged or worn outlets
- Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
- Unplug electronic devices after use

12.Hail Damage

- Upgrade to impact resistant roofing
- Inspect roof for cracked or curling shingles
- Do not install more than 2 layers of roofing

2Q: Apr-June

11.Wind Damage

- Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
- Inspect roofing after storms
- Repair damaged or worn areas

12.Hail Damage

- Clean rain gutters
- Consider replacing roof with a UL impact resistant classification (UL2218) Class 4, meets local building code standards, and requires minimal upkeep and maintenance

13.Tornado

- Make sure house has walls of reinforced concrete anchored to the foundation
- Secure roof with strap anchors over rafters
- Attach wall studs to roof rafters with metal hurricane clips, not nails
- If house is not strong, build storm cellars with good drainage system and not too close to house walls

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

11. Wind Damage

- Clear roofs of leaves and debris
- Seal cracks and patch loose areas
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

12. Flood

- Install check valves in building sewer traps
- Install sewage backflow valves
- Stock up on emergency building materials
- Use water-resistant building materials in areas below the base flood elevation

13. Grease Kitchen Fire

- Put tight-fitting lid on pot or slide a cookie sheet over cooking oil fire to smother flames
- Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
- Turn off overhead fan to stop spread of flames

14. Electrical Wiring

- Check electrical appliances and wiring
- Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
- Install GFCIs in wet areas

4Q: Oct-Dec

10. Ice and Snow

- Remove all trees growing next to foundation—keep trees trimmed to minimize roof damage
- Inspect roof and attic for proper ventilation and insulation
- Check and seal places where warm air may leak from house to attic
- Clear roofs of snow—clean gutters

11. Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
- Enforce background checks on tenants

12. Wind damage

- Clear roofs of snow and ice
- Check interior for leaks
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

Region 5

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

13.Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Notify law enforcement of vacancy

14.Wind Damage

- Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
- Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

15.Frozen Pipes

- Heat home at least to 65° F
- Wrap pipes with insulation sleeves
- Open cabinet doors
- Shut off water supply if vacant

2Q: Apr-June

14.Wind Damage

- Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
- Inspect roofing after storms
- Repair damaged or worn areas
- Clean rain gutters

15.Arson

- Identify at-risk housing occupants
- Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
- Enforce background checks on tenants

16.Electrical Wiring

- Replace damaged or worn outlets
- Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, switches, appliances, and wiring
- Check the electrical rating on appliances and extension cords
- Install GFCIs in wet areas

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

15. Wind Damage

- Clear roofs of leaves and debris
- Seal cracks and patch loose areas
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

16. Arson

- Keep flammable combustibles away from home
- Work with law enforcement
- Start neighborhood watch program

17. Children Playing with Matches

- Store all matches and lighters in a high, locked cabinet out of reach of children
- Always supervise children under 12 years old
- Teach young children to tell an adult when they see matches or lighters—remind them to not pick them up

4Q: Oct-Dec

13. Frozen Pipes

- Open cabinet doors
- Let faucets slowly trickle water
- Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations near water pipes with caulking
- Disconnect hoses from outside spigots

14. Children Playing with Matches/Lighters

- Teach young children safe fire uses and that fire is not a toy
- Never amuse young children with matches/lighters
- Teach older children how to use fire safely
- If your child is overly interested in fire, call your local fire department for advice

15. Arson

- Board up and/or fence homes
- Install warning and reward signage
- Implement arson reporting hotline

Region 6

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

16.Frozen Pipes

- Heat home at least to 65° F
- Wrap pipes with insulation sleeves
- Shut off water supply if vacant
- Let faucets slowly trickle water—open cabinet doors

17.Slips, Trips, and Falls

- Repair any hazardous floors, walkways, or areas near stairways
- Use salt pellets or another melting agent on icy areas like parking lots
- Maintain play areas and playground equipment

18.Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Notify law enforcement of vacancy

19.Electrical Wiring

- Replace damaged or worn outlets
- Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, switches, appliances, and wiring
- Check the electrical rating on appliances and extension cords
- Install GFCIs in wet areas

2Q: Apr-June

17.Arson

- Identify at-risk housing occupants
- Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
- Enforce background checks on tenants

18.Grease Kitchen Fire

- Put tight-fitting lid on pot or slide a cookie sheet over cooking oil fire to smother flames—shut off burner
- Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
- Keep charged fire extinguisher handy

19.Vehicle Damage to Dwelling

- Designate a non-drinking driver to drive
- Follow road rules in neighborhood

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

18. Wind Damage

- Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
- Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing
- Clear roofs of leaves and debris

19. Arson

- Keep flammable combustibles away from home
- Work with law enforcement
- Start neighborhood watch program

20. Slips, Trips, and Falls

- Keep floor clear and clean
- Repair any hazardous floors, walkways, or areas near stairways
- Have sturdy, non-slip footwear

4Q: Oct-Dec

16. Wind Damage

- Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
- Inspect roofing after storms
- Re-pair damage or worn areas

17. Arson

- Board up and/or fence homes
- Install warning and reward signage
- Implement arson reporting hotline

18. Smoking Materials

- Use fire-safe cigarettes
- Wet cigarette butts with water before disposing
- Use deep ashtrays and keep them away from furniture and curtains
- Never smoke in bed or when tired

19. Grease Kitchen Fire

- Smother it with baking soda, NOT water
- Put tight-fitting lid on pot or slide a cookie sheet over cooking oil fire to smother flames—shut off burner
- Never pick up a pan that is on fire
- Turn off overhead fan to stop spread of flames

Region 7

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

20.Frozen Pipes

- Keep homes heated to at least 65° F
- Wrap pipes with insulation sleeves
- Shut off water supply if vacant

21.Wind Damage to Roof

- Fasten shingles with 6 nails instead of 4
- Make sure nails penetrate rafters/sheathing
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

22.Misuse of Electrical Outlet

- Replace damaged or worn outlets
- Install GFCIs in wet areas
- Insert plastic safety caps when youth present

2Q: Apr-June

20.Wind Damage to Roof

- Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
- Inspect roofing after storms
- Re-pair damage or worn areas

21.Intentional Fires - Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Notify law enforcement of vacancy

22.Water Heater Tank

- Set hot water below 120°F
- Flush hot water tank through drain valve once a year to remove sediment build-up
- Test safety relief valve once a year

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

21. Wind Damage to Roof

- Clear roofs of leaves and debris
- Seal cracks and patch loose areas
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

22. Busted Pipes

- Inspect all household appliances
- Replace appliances' worn hoses and clogged filters/drainages
- Inspect all pipes in home—replace cracked, leaking, and rusty pipes

23. Intentional Fires - domestic

- Identify at-risk housing occupants
- Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
- Enforce background checks on tenants

4Q: Oct-Dec

1. Forest Wildfire

- Keep pail of water close to campfire—be sure fire is gone before leaving campsite
- Use interior ashtrays in vehicles instead of throwing out cigarettes from vehicles
- Have enough hand tools, water, and people nearby to control fire in backyard burning
- Make sure no strong winds are present for campfires and cooking on outside grills

2. Wind Damage to Roof

- Clear roofs of snow and ice
- Check interior for leaks
- Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

Region 8

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

23.Frozen Pipes

- Heat home at least to 65° F
- Wrap pipes with insulation sleeves
- Shut off water supply if vacant

24.Intentional Fires - Arson

- Limit access to vacant home
- Install lighting around home
- Notify law enforcement of vacancy

25.Grease Kitchen Fire from cooking

- Put tight-fitting lid on pot or slide a cookie sheet over cooking oil fire to smother flames
- Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
- Keep charged fire extinguisher handy
- Turn off overhead fan to stop spread of flames

2Q: Apr-June

23.Wind Damage to Roof

- Upgrade to wind resistant material/quality
- Inspect roofing after storms
- Re-pair damage or worn areas

24.Intentional Fires - Arson

- Identify at-risk housing occupants
- Enforce policy for unwanted behavior
- Enforce background checks on tenants

25.Vehicle Damage to Dwelling

- Check headlights and parking lights
- Designate a non-drinking driver to drive
- Follow road rules in neighborhoods

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

- 24. Intentional Fires - Arson
 - Keep flammable combustibles away from home
 - Work with law enforcement
 - Start neighborhood watch program

- 25. Wind Damage to Roof
 - Clear roofs of leaves and debris
 - Seal cracks and patch loose areas
 - Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

- 26. Busted Pipes
 - Inspect all household appliances
 - Replace appliances' worn hoses and clogged filters/drainages
 - Inspect all pipes in home—replace cracked, leaking, and rusty pipes

- 27. Smoking Materials
 - Use fire-safe cigarettes
 - Wet cigarette butts with water before disposing
 - Use deep ashtrays and keep them away from furniture and curtains

4Q: Oct-Dec

- 1. Intentional Fires - Arson
 - Board up or fence homes
 - Install lighting around home
 - Implement arson reporting hotline

- 2. Wind Damage to Roof
 - Clear roofs of snow and ice
 - Check interior for leaks
 - Re-nail loose shingles and sheathing

- 3. Grease Kitchen Fire from cooking
 - Clean up excess grease from surfaces
 - Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
 - Dispose of garbage after social events
 - Turn off stoves after cooking

Region 9

Risk

Prevention Tip

1Q: Jan-Mar

26.Frozen Pipes

- Heat home to at least 65° F
- Wrap pipes with insulation sleeves
- Shut off water supply if vacant
- Open cabinet doors
- Let faucets slowly trickle water

27.Electrical Problems

- Replace damaged or worn outlets
- Install GFCIs in wet areas
- Inspect all electrical cords, outlets, and switches
- Contact electrician for electrical problems

2Q: Apr-June

26.Children Playing with Matches or Lighters

- Store all matches and lighters in a high, locked cabinet out of reach of children
- Always supervise children under 12 years old
- Teach young children to tell an adult when they see matches or lighters—remind them to not pick them up
- Never amuse young children with matches/lighters

27.Electrical Fire

- Check the electrical rating on appliances and extension cords
- Replace old, worn, or damaged electrical equipment, cords, outlets, and switches
- Buy electronics and appliances that have passed all safety standards such as those of Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
- Insert plastic safety caps when youth present

28.Floods

- Install check valves in building sewer traps
- Install sewage backflow valves
- Stock up on emergency building materials
- Have a community flood warning system

Risk

Prevention Tip

3Q: July-Sept

28. Kitchen Fire

- Do not leave food cooking on stove unattended
- Continuously check oven while baking
- Wipe spills on stove and oven
- Keep charged fire extinguisher handy

29. Children Playing with Matches

- Teach young children safe fire uses
- Teach older children how to use fire safely
- If your child is overly interested in fire, call your local fire department for advice

30. Wood Stove Fire

- Read and obey the manufacturer's installation instructions
- Make sure there is enough clearance between the stove and combustible materials—includes floors, walls, and ceilings
- Have a professional inspect chimney

4Q: Oct-Dec

4. Woodstove or Chimney Fire

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood—NOT trash
- Have chimney flue checked for buildup of creosote and clean it
- Do not leave a wood fire unattended or overnight
- Check and clean chimney/woodstove

5. Children Playing with Matches

- Explain to children why not to play with fire
- Teach children how to say NO when friends suggest playing with fire
- Teach children that fire is a tool, not a toy

6. Slips, Trips, and Falls

- Keep high traffic areas clean
- Repair any bad lighting
- Repair hazardous floors and damaged structures in high traffic areas
- Clean up spills immediately