HOUSE FIRE CHECKLIST

When your home or business has a fire, it's hard to know what to do next.

Use this house fire checklist to guide you during this difficult time.

✔ WHAT TO DO AFTER A FIRE

☐ Get permission from fire department official to re-enter the fire-damaged structure.

☐ Contact family members and loved ones to inform them of the accident.

☐ Call all utility providers (electric, gas, water) and inform them of the fire and discuss need for emergency shut-off service.

☐ Call your homeowners insurance company to begin the claim process.

☐ Call Rainbow International or other local service provider and make arrangements for fire remediation services.

☐ Understand and acknowledge the specifics of the "fire report" and make sure you get a copy.

☐ Document all fire damage. Take photographs and detailed notes of damage to property.

☐ Retrieve valuable belongings and irreplaceable heirlooms before you leave the property.

☐ Contact local police and advise them if your home will be vacant. Notify your children's school, the post office, and any organization you've borrowed from.

☐ Start the process of replacing important documents lost in the fire, such as licenses, passports, birth certificates, etc.

☐ Fires can be traumatic for your entire family. Take care of everyone's emotional needs and schedule counseling, if necessary.

☐ For disaster relief, contact your local Red Cross and Salvation Army.

☐ If your home was damaged from a wildfire, you may be able to apply for assistance through FEMA.

! WHAT NOT TO DO AFTER A FIRE

1. **Do not** enter your home until you're given permission that it is safe.

2. **Do not** turn on gas, water or electric utilities until a professional has deemed them safe.

3. If your car is burned, **do not** start or move it.

4. **Do not** try to clean any of the smoke or soot damage yourself. Leave that to professionals with proper safety equipment and experience.

Rainbow International knows this is a difficult time and is here to help with state-of-the art restoration services to help get you back to pre-loss condition.

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