

CHAPTER SUMMARY

Section 36.1

Caring for Your Home

Home care means keeping the home clean, doing routine maintenance, and preventing accidents. Establish a routine, and perform daily and weekly cleaning tasks. Basic cleaning items include a vacuum, broom, cleaning cloths, sponge, bucket, and basic cleaning products. Maintain outdoor areas regularly. Perform seasonal and annual maintenance tasks to prevent larger problems. Other tasks can be performed on an as-needed basis.

Section 36.2

Staying Safe

Common household accidents include falls, cuts, electrical shocks, poisonings, and burns. Most home accidents can be prevented. Prepare for the types of emergencies that can happen in a home. Contribute to the safety of your community by getting to know your neighbors and participating in Neighborhood Watch programs. Protect yourself and others from violence and crime. Practice safe driving skills on the road, and never drink alcohol and drive.