

FIRE INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Provider: _____ Date: _____

- _____ 1. SMOKE DETECTORS: Must be located on every level. Location and type of detector is specific to the year of the home. Replacement every 10 years is required.
- _____ 2. FIRE EXTINGUISHER: Fire extinguisher in kitchen area (2A10BC or larger) Serviced/tagged annually.
- _____ 3. ELECTRICAL: Extension cords cannot be used in place of fixed wiring. Multi-plug surge protection or power taps may be used. There must be 30" of clear space in front of the electrical box. Empty spaces must be filled. Covers shall be on all electrical receptacles (junction boxes, outlets and light switches).
- _____ 4. BEDROOM/BATHROOM DOORS: Must be openable from the outside and the opening tool readily accessible.
- _____ 5. LOCKS: Double cylinder locks (key on both sides) are prohibited.
- _____ 6. FURNACE/WATER HEATER: No combustibles within 36" of the heating appliance. If the furnace/water heater is in the garage it must be at least 18" above the floor.
- _____ 7. STAIRWAYS: Stairways of 3 or more steps (if built before 1982 and all child care) or four or more (if built after 1982) must have handrails. All homes built after July, 2007 having 2 or more steps require a handrail. Homes built after July 2007, using an enclosed storage area under the stairs, must have 1/2" Gypsum covering the storage area. Stairways must be well lighted, in good repair and free of clutter and obstruction.
- _____ 8. GUARDRAILS: Required on stairways, balconies and decks that are more than 30" above grade. Rail shall be at least 36" high and have a rail pattern of less than 6".
- _____ 9. GARAGE SEPARATION: An attached garage must have a self-closing device on a solid wood or metal door (20 minute fire rated) between the residence and garage and a separation wall of 1/2" or 5/8" gypsum wallboard or its equivalent on the garage side between the residence and garage.
- _____ 10. MEANS OF ESCAPE (EGRESS): Two means of escape from each room used for care. Windows must be openable without special knowledge. Minimum of 20 inches in width and 24 inches in height. Installation prior to April, 1983: minimum of 5.0 sq. feet of clear opening, maximum of 48 inches from floor. Installation after April, 1983: minimum of 5.0 sq. feet of clear opening, maximum of 44 inches from floor.
- _____ 11. ADDRESS: Must be visible on the outside of the house facing the street or by the road/street (911 addresses are usually acceptable).
- _____ 12. LP CYLINDERS: No larger than 2.7 lbs. and 5.4 lbs total. Larger cylinders must be stored outside, not in attached garage (including those on gas grills).
- _____ 13. INTERIOR FINISH: Interior walls must have a flame spread of 200 or less Class C or III. Paneling should have a rating stamped on the back or be at least 1/4 "thick. Paperbacked insulation removed or covered with 1/2" gypsum wall board.
- _____ 14. THERMAL BARRIER: Bead Board covered with 1/2' gypsum wall board. Sprayed foam plastic insulation removed or provide written documentation from manufacturer that foam has flame spread rating of 25 or less and a smoke development of 450 or less, **and** documentation provided that it was applied according to manufacturer guidelines.

FOR CHILD CARE LICENSING ADDITIONAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- _____ 15. ELECTRICAL OUTLETS: Tamper-proof/shielded when accessible to children under first grade.
- _____ 16. Furnace, water heaters and workshop areas are inaccessible to children.
- _____ 17. CLOSET DOORS: must be openable from the inside.