

Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office

Foster Family Home Fire Safety Evaluation Checklist Revised August 2001

Name of Owner(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

	Yes	No	Item
1.			Will there be less than seven foster children be living in the Foster Home?
2.			Is a working smoke detector installed in each sleeping room?
3.			Is a working smoke detector installed in the hallway near the sleeping rooms?
4.			If the house is more than one story is a working smoke detector installed at the top of the stairs?
5.			Does each sleeping room, dining area, and living area have at least one of the following secondary means of escape other than the "front" or "back" door of the home? A) A door leading directly to the outside; or B) An outside window with a minimum opening of not less than 5.7 sq. ft. in area, minimum of 20 inches wide, at least 24 inches high, and no higher than 44 inches above the floor are most often provided; or C) A non-locking door into an adjoining room that has a means of escape described in A or B above.
6.			Can a person travel from any room of the house to an exit that leads directly outside without having to pass through an interior door than can be locked?
7.			Can all primary exterior exit doors, windows used as a secondary means of escape, and any security bars incorporated with these primary and secondary means of escape, be opened from the inside without the use of a key, tool or special knowledge (security code, combination)?
8.			Are the closet doors, equipped with doorknobs that a child can opened from the inside?
9.			If the bathroom door is equipped with a lock, can the door be unlocked from the outside during an emergency?
10.			Can all bedrooms and/or living areas above the first floor be accessed by a standard set of stairs?
11.			Are all gas, wood, or fuel-fired heaters used in the home vented to the outside?
12.			Are heaters, including wood burning or gas log fireplaces, equipped with immovable screens or barriers to prevent contact with open flames or hot surfaces?
13.			Are gas appliances (heaters, water heaters, stoves) equipped with metal tubing and metal connectors?
14.			Are all gas-fired heaters inspected annually by a qualified technician?
15.			Are combustible items (things that burn) stored away from any stove, heater, or fireplace in the Foster Home?
16.			Are all lighters and matches kept out of the reach of children?
17.			Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?
18.			Is there an operable five-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher available for use in the kitchen?
19.			Has a Home Fire Escape Plan been written, practiced, and documented?
20.			Does the electrical system appear to be in good condition?

Signature of Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Comments:
