

Family Foster Home Fire Safety Evaluation Checklist

This Child Care Licensing (CCL) checklist is provided to specific foster family homes for the purpose of complying with Texas Health and Human Services Commission fire safety evaluation requirements. The use of this form is limited to foster family homes with six or fewer ambulatory children, all capable of self-preservation.

Directions: Review the instructions prior to conducting the inspection. The person conducting the inspection should include their signature and contact information at the bottom of this form. For more information, email Rcclstan@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Household Information		
Name of Owner(s):	Area Code and Phone Number:	
Home Address:		
Item	Yes	No
1. Will there be less than seven children living in the foster home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Are all the children ambulatory and capable of self-preservation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Is a working smoke detector installed in each sleeping room?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Is a working smoke detector installed in the hallway near the sleeping rooms?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. If the house is more than one story, is a working smoke detector installed at the top of the stairs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Does each sleeping room and living area have at least one of the following secondary means of escape other than the "front" or "back" door of the home? 1. A door, stairway, passage, or hall providing unobstructed travel leading directly to the outside of the dwelling. 2. An outside window no higher than 44 inches above the floor, located within 20 feet of outdoor space accessible to fire department apparatus, and with an opening that is at least 5.7 square feet in area, a minimum of 20 inches wide, and at least 24 inches tall. 3. A non-locking door into an adjoining room that has a means of escape described in A or B above.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. 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 that can be locked?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. 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)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Are the closet doors equipped so that a child can open the door from the inside?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. If the bathroom door is equipped with a lock, can the door be unlocked from the outside during an emergency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Can all bedrooms and living areas above the first floor be accessed by a standard set of stairs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Are all gas, wood, or fuel fired heaters used in the home vented to the outside (unless listed and approved)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Are heaters, including wood burning or gas log fireplaces, equipped with immovable screens or barriers to prevent contact with open flames and hot surfaces?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Are gas appliances (heaters, water heaters, stoves) equipped with metal tubing and metal connectors?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. Are all gas-fired heaters inspected annually by a qualified technician?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Are combustible items (items that burn) stored away from any stove, heater, or fireplace in the foster home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. Are all lighters and matches kept out of the reach of children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. Is there an operable five-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher available for use in the kitchen and on every level of the home (if the home has more than one level)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. Has a Home Fire Escape Plan been written, practiced, and documented?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. Does the electrical system appear to be in good condition?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signatures		
Inspector	Contact Information	Date Signed