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FOSTER HOME PRE-INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Systems tests:

HVAC – every 2 years

Electrical – every 2 years

Gas Pressure Test – every 2 years

(unless the piping system before the valve has been disconnected for any reason)

How many children are you licensed for?

How many children will be living in the home? (all children count)

- 1 – 3 children Prompt or Slow Evacuation: Interconnected smoke detectors (each bedroom and hallway near bedrooms)
- 1 – 3 children Impractical Evacuation: Interconnected smoke detectors (each bedroom and hallway near bedrooms). Installed by a state-licensed RAS or APS contractor. Monitored by a licensed monitoring company.
- 4 – 6 children Prompt Evacuation: Interconnected smoke detectors (each bedroom and hallway near bedrooms). Installed by a state-licensed RAS or APS contractor. Monitored by a licensed monitoring company.
- 4 – 6 children Slow and Impractical evacuation: Automatic Fire Alarm System with manual activation devices, installed by a state-licensed contractor. A Residential Sprinkler System installed by a state-licensed contractor.
- 7- 12 children Refer to Board and Care requirements.

Prompt evacuation – able to evacuate in 3 minutes or less.

Slow evacuation – able to evacuate in 13 minutes or less.

Impractical – evacuation over 13 minutes

Are the children ambulatory and capable of self-preservation?

If your home is more than one-story:

Smoke detector at the top of the stairs

Fire Extinguisher readily accessible upstairs - 2A 10 BC

Fire Escape Ladder

Carbon Monoxide detector outside bedrooms (up and down)

Single story:

Carbon Monoxide detector outside bedrooms

Fire Extinguisher readily accessible in the Kitchen – 2A 10BC

3 ring binder:

Evacuation Plan

Evacuation Map

Fire Drill Record

Evacuation information / date / time / time to evacuate Fire

Extinguisher Check

Smoke Detector Check

Carbon Monoxide Check

Copy of Systems Tests

Gas cans shall be in an approved metal container or in a lockable storage container in the back yard.

Propane – in a lockable storage container in the backyard.

Reference Standards: 2015 Edition NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code, CPSC.GOV, NISTIR 5222