

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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will there be less than seven foster children be living in the Foster Home?
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is a working smoke detector installed in each sleeping room?
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is a working smoke detector installed in the hallway near the sleeping rooms?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the house is more than one story is a working smoke detector installed at the top of the stairs?
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the closet doors, equipped with doorknobs that a child can opened from the inside?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the bathroom door is equipped with a lock, can the door be unlocked from the outside during an emergency?
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can all bedrooms and/or living areas above the first floor be accessed by a standard set of stairs?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas, wood, or fuel-fired heaters used in the home vented to the outside?
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are gas appliances (heaters, water heaters, stoves) equipped with metal tubing and metal connectors?
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas-fired heaters inspected annually by a qualified technician?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are combustible items (things that burn) stored away from any stove, heater, or fireplace in the Foster Home?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all lighters and matches kept out of the reach of children?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an operable five-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher available for use in the kitchen?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Has a Home Fire Escape Plan been written, practiced, and documented?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the electrical system appear to be in good condition?

Signature of Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office

Group Day Care Home Fire Safety Evaluation Checklist Revised April 2001

Name of Owner: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

	Yes	No	Item
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will this Group Day Care Home be operated in a single-story (no second floor or basement), single family residence building? If "No," please contact the State Fire Marshal's Office.
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will the Group Day Care Home be the only business operated in the building? If "No," please contact the State Fire Marshal's Office.
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a working smoke detector installed in each room used for sleeping?
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is every point in the Group Day Care Home within 150 feet of an exit to the outside?
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is every door in the Group Day Care Home within 100 feet of an exit to the outside?
7.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is every point in a sleeping room in the Group Day Care Home within 50 feet of an exit access door?
8.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can a person move from any room in the Group Day Care Home to a door leading directly to the outside without having to pass through an interior door that can be locked?
9.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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)?
10.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all draperies, curtains, and similar furnishings made of flame-resistant material?
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are wastebaskets and trashcans made of noncombustible materials?
12.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does student artwork or decorations attached to the walls cover less than 20 % percent of the wall area?
13.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids stored in locked areas?
14.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas, wood, or fuel-fired heaters used in the home vented to the outside?
15.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are heaters, including wood burning or gas log fireplaces, equipped with immovable screens or barriers to prevent contact with open flames or hot surfaces?
16.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are exits checked daily by staff to ensure they are free from obstructions?
17.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are monthly fire prevention inspections conducted by the owner and posted in a conspicuous area?
18.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a fire escape route plan posted in each room?
19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are fire exit drills practiced at least once a month and documented?
20.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are gas appliances (heaters, water heaters, stoves) equipped with metal tubing and metal connectors?
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas-fired heaters inspected annually by a qualified technician?
22.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are combustible items (things that burn) stored away from any stove, heater, or fireplace in the Group Day Care Home?
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all lighters and matches kept out of the reach of children?
24.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children?
25.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an operable five-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher available for use in the kitchen?
26.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the electrical system appear to be in good condition?

Signature of owner: _____ Date: _____