

# Fire Marshal's Office

## Foster Home Checklist



<b>GENERAL</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review this list to confirm compliance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Call (281) 554 - 1290 to schedule compliance inspection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pay Operations Permit Fee for inspection \$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is this address clearly visible from the street?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all children ambulatory and capable of self-preservation?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Will there be less than (7) children living in the Foster Home including biological children?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Has a Home Fire Escape Plan been written, practiced & documented including floor diagram escape plan?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Has an Emergency Preparedness Plan been written including emergency contacts, emergency accommodations, etc.
<b>FIRE PROTECTION FEATURES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is a working smoke alarm installed in each sleeping room?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is a working smoke alarm installed in the hallway near the sleeping room?
<input type="checkbox"/>	If home is more than 1 story, is there a working smoke alarm located at the top of the stairs?
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the home used gas as an energy source, is there a carbon monoxide detector present?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there an operable 5 lb. dry chemical fire extinguisher available with a State of Texas Fire Marshal's tag attached?
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the electrical system appear to be in good condition and properly grounded?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are electrical panels accessible and properly labeled?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are unoccupied electrical outlets covered or provided with protective devices?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are GFCI electrical outlets present and operational?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are extension cords compliant and used properly?
<b>FLAMMABLE &amp; COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCTS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are combustible items stored away from any stove, heater, fireplace in the foster home?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all lighters and matches kept out of reach of children?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are flammable liquids stored in approved safety cans, kept away from heat and out of the reach of children?

<b>HOME CONSTRUCTION FEATURES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the home is more than (1) story, can all sleeping and or living areas above the first floor be accessed by a standard set of stairs?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can a person travel from any room to an exit that leads directly outside without having to pass through an interior door that can be locked?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does each sleeping and/or living area have at least one secondary means of escape other than front or back doors?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the closet doors equipped so that a child can open the door from the inside?
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the bathroom door is equipped with a lock, can the door be unlocked from the outside during an emergency?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Can all primary exterior exit doors, windows used as a secondary means of escape & any security bars incorporated with these primary means of escape, be opened from the inside without the use of a key, tool or special knowledge?
<b>HVAC, APPLIANCES &amp; PIPING</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the dryer disassembled and cleaned internally periodically?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas appliances (heaters, water heaters & stoves) equipped with metal tubing and metal connectors?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas fired heaters and air conditioning units inspected annually by a qualified, licensed technician registered in the state?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all gas, wood, or fuel-fired appliances use in the home vented to the outside?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are heaters including wood burning or gas log fireplaces equipped with immovable screens to prevent contact with open flames or hot surfaces?
<b>REFERENCES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas Department of Insurance - Texas Fire Marshals' Office Foster Home Checklist Form 3004
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Fire Code (IFC) 2015 edition
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Latest edition

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