



SOUTH KING FIRE

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LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- ✓ Emergency phone numbers posted near the phone.
- ✓ Fire escape routes posted at the exit.
- ✓ Fire safety and fire evacuation plans in place.
- ✓ First-aid supplies are readily available.
- ✓ An operable telephone is located within the residence/building.
- ✓ Exit doors and windows are not obstructed and are easily opened from the inside.
- ✓ Address is visible and legible from the street fronting the property.

HOME SAFETY & HEALTH

- ✓ Knives, tools, matches and other potentially hazardous materials are not accessible to children.
- ✓ Candles or incense are not used.
- ✓ Store items labeled "flammable" in areas that are inaccessible to children and away from exits.
- ✓ Combustible materials (including, but not limited to, lint, or rags soaked in grease, oils, or solvent) to accumulate; those items must be removed from the building or stored in a closed metal container.
- ✓ Emergency flashlight with extra batteries is available.

FURNACES AND OTHER HEATING DEVICES

- ✓ Paper, rubbish, or combustible materials must be kept at least three (3') feet away from any furnace, fireplace, or other heating device. A heating device must be inaccessible to the children; isolated, enclosed or protected.
- ✓ Any appliance or heating device that has a hot surface capable of burning a child must be made inaccessible to the children in care during operating hours when the appliance or device is in use or is still hot after use.
- ✓ Any chimney, fireplace, wood stove or similar wood-burning device in use must be inspected yearly unless the licensee provides a written statement that the chimney, fireplace, wood stove or similar wood-burning device will not be used at any time.
- ✓ Portable heaters are not in use during operating hours.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ Wiring appears to be safe; no known hazards exist.
- ✓ Electrical circuit devices and appliances must be properly maintained and not overloaded.
- ✓ Power strips with a surge protector are plugged directly into an outlet.
- ✓ Extension cords are used only for a brief or temporary purpose.

FIRE SAFETY & SMOKE ALARMS

- ✓ Smoke alarms are tested monthly and those tests are documented.
- ✓ Smoke alarms are installed in all nap/sleeping areas and on every floor.
- ✓ Batteries are replaced in smoke alarms once a year.
- ✓ At least one 2A:10BC fire extinguisher is on each floor that childcare is present.
- ✓ Monthly checks shall be completed/ documented by facility staff to ensure extinguishers are ready for use.
- ✓ Travel distance to fire extinguishers in cooking areas is not to exceed thirty (30') feet.
- ✓ Fire extinguisher(s) shall be kept on a shelf or mounted, with the top no more than five (5') feet above the floor and within seventy-five (75') feet from any point in the facility.
- ✓ In addition to single station smoke alarms, an alternate method for sounding a fire alarm in family home childcare is present. A police type whistle or similar device is adequate for meeting this requirement, as long as this method is only used for emergency evacuations.

This document provides general guidelines for childcare centers and daycares only, and acts as a safety survey for childcare providers in lieu of a fire department inspection.