

DAY CARE FIRE INSPECTION GUIDELINES

You **MUST** call to schedule an inspection of your home to start the licensing process.

Please call your fire inspector at 763-767-6534.

- 1) Smoke detector on every level - even though that level is not being used for child care. In new homes a smoke detector in each bedroom.
- 2) Electric outlet covers on outlets.
- 3) Bedroom/bathroom door locks shall be unlock-able from outside. Opening devise shall be readily accessible.
- 4) A 2A10BC or larger fire extinguisher, must be mounted in the kitchen area. If you have a fire extinguisher does it need to be serviced? (If more than one year old, it will need to be serviced.)
- 5) There must be two means of escape from each room of the residence used by children. One means of escape must be a stairway or door leading to the floor of exit discharge. The other must be a door or window leading directly outside. Windows must be able to open without special knowledge or special tools.
- 6) If basement area is to be used, the area needs to be finished.
- 7) Usable storage space under stairs, walls and soffits of space, need to be protected by one-hour fire resistive construction (Sheetrock).
- 8) Furnace, water heater, wood stove must be inaccessible to children.
- 9) Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring; extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings, nor be subject to environmental damage or physical impact.
- 10) Child care residence with an attached garage must have a self closing, tight fitting, solid wood bonded core door at least 1 3/8 thick, or door with a fire protection rating of 20 minutes or greater, and a separation wall consisting of 5/8 inch thick gypsum wall board or its equivalent on the garage side between the residence and garage.
- 11) Combustible items, i.e., wood, paper, clothes, paint, etc., must not be located within 36 inches of the furnace or other heating sources.
- 12) Whenever in use, fireplaces, wood burning stoves, space heaters, and other potentially hot surfaces such as heat pipes, must be protected by guards to prevent burns.
- 13) Stairways of three or more steps must have handrails. Stairways must be well lit, in good repair and free of clutter and obstruction.
- 14) A closet door latch must be made so that children can open the door from inside the closet.
- 15) Double cylinder (key required both sides) locks on exit doors are prohibited.
- 16) Address must be visible on the exterior of the house from the street.
- 17) One working flashlight for child care use only.
- 18) LP gas stored outside.
- 19) If your inspection does not pass, you will have 60 days to make the changes & call your Inspector for a reinspection. If changes are not complete at this time, after contacting your inspector, you will have an additional 30 days. If changes are not complete at the end of that time, a new application and an additional \$50.00 will be required for any additional inspections to be done.

This is not an all inclusive list. These are guidelines only compiled from the Minnesota Daycare Rule and the fire inspectors. If you would like further information regarding the Minnesota State Fire Code you can obtain it from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's website - www.dps.state.mn.us/fmarshal or you can call Anoka County Child Care Licensing at (763)422-7146 and request that the Group and Family Day Care Information Sheet be mailed out to you.