



NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION CHECK SHEET FOR PROSPECTIVE HOMES

- ___ Home kept in good repair and maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary conditions.
- ___ Cigarettes, matches and lighters are locked or inaccessible.
- ___ Hazardous chemicals, tools, matches, plastic bags, paint, gasoline, insecticides, cleaning and laundry materials (including bleach) are stored out of reach of young foster children.
- ___ No exposed wiring.
- ___ Electrical outlet covers installed for young foster children.
- ___ Fire hazards (such as defective electrical appliances, electric cords, dangerous or defective heating equipment or flammable materials) that are stored in a manner to create a risk of fire are corrected or eliminated.
- ___ Gas space heaters, open flame gas or oil stoves, hot plates, and un-vented heaters are not used for heating purposes. Electric space heaters not used for permanent heating purposes. No kerosene heaters.
- ___ Flammables, aerosol paints, insecticides, chemicals, and other dangerous materials are locked or stored in a manner inaccessible to foster children in areas separated from sleeping or living areas. Flammables stored in an approved container.
- ___ Radiators, registers, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, steam pipes and hot water pipes that pose a fire or burn hazard are screened or otherwise protected. Heating appliances must appear clean and serviceable.
- ___ Flammable materials not stored near a furnace, hot water heater or other heating device.
- ___ Candles or other burnable objects not permitted in foster children's sleeping areas.
- ___ Up to date fire extinguisher permanently mounted in cooking area.
- ___ Smoke detectors are located on each level of the home and in every sleeping area.
- ___ Exit doors do not have a lock or fastening to prevent free escape from the inside of sleeping rooms.
- ___ Exit routes are free of discarded furniture, furnishings, laundry and stacks of newspapers or magazines or other combustible materials.
- ___ Written evacuation plan posted in the room the foster/adopted child will be sleeping in and the kitchen.
- ___ Have personal identification available day of fire inspection.

When you have completed this check sheet, please call the City of Newark Fire Department Prevention Bureau @ 740-349-5924 or 740-349-6753