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**FOSTER FAMILY HOMES  
CHECKLIST**

**A FOSTER FAMILY HOME is a child care facility which provides care for not more than five children for 24 hours a day.**

**In accordance with the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC), NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (LSC) and Title 11 Local Government Code (LGC), foster group homes shall meet, but are not limited to, the following State and Local requirements.**

	Annual fire inspections shall meet regulations set by the local fire marshal. <i>(LGC Title 11, Section 352.016)</i>
	Plans and procedures for meeting disasters and emergencies, such as fire and severe weather, must be written. <i>(IFC, Ch. 4, Sec. 403.10)</i>
	Home address must be visible from street. <i>(IFC, Ch. 5, Sec. 505.1)</i> - Numbers must be a minimum of 4" high x 5" wide
	Fire extinguishers required on each level of home. <i>(IFC, Ch. 9, Sec. 906)</i> - Minimum size allowed: 2A10BC on each level. - Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible at all times. - Fire extinguishers must be serviced and tagged annually by a licensed company.
	Smoke detectors required on each level of home, in each foster child's bedroom and outside separate sleeping areas. <i>(IFC, Ch. 9, Sec. 907.2.11.2 / LSC, Ch. 24, Sec. 24.3.4)</i> - Place at least 36" away from a/c vent and tip of ceiling fan blade. - If mounted on ceiling: Place at least 6" away from wall. - If mounted on wall: Place at least 6" down from ceiling.
	Every bedroom and living area must have a second means of escape. (i.e. window) <i>(LSC, Ch. 24, Sec. 24.2.2.1)</i>
	No double-keyed deadbolts on exit doors. <i>(IFC, Ch. 10, Sec. 1010.1.9.3)</i>
	No burglar bars on windows. <i>(IFC, Sec. 1030.4/ LSC, Ch. 24, Sec. 24.2.2.3)</i>
	No unvented fuel-fired heaters. <i>(LSC, Ch. 24, Sec. 24.5.1.2)</i>
	Electrical devices/cords must be in good condition. No splices or exposed wiring. <i>(IFC, Ch. 6, Sec. 605.1; 605.6/LGC, Title 11, Section 352.016(3) / LSC, Ch. 9, Sec. 9.1.2.)</i>

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