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E.P.C. E.S.D. #1 Fire Prevention Home Inspection Checklist
(Texas Foster Care Adoption / Placement Program)

1. There are at least two (2) unblocked exits to the outside of the home (can include windows).
2. 2-story homes require an "escape ladder" for 2nd floors access windows.
3. There is an operable 5 lb. (2A10BC) dry chemical fire extinguisher available for use in the kitchen with a current tag or receipt (proof of purchase receipt with date displayed will be acceptable for one year). The fire extinguisher shall be serviced after each use and checked at least once a year. Must be mounted a minimum of 4" off the ground and no higher than 5'.
4. Functional smoke detectors within the home. (Detectors must be inter-connected)
5. Functional carbon monoxide (CO) detectors within the home.
6. Electrical wiring system appears safe and in good condition.
7. Electrical outlets in rooms used by children have child-proof covers or are safety outlets.
8. Fuses or circuit breakers in fuse box appear in good operating condition and are clearly labeled.
9. Cords for electrical appliances and lighting fixtures appear in good operating condition.
10. No electrical extension cords used within the home. Surge protectors are allowed and to be used properly. (Not hidden under rugs; not hooked over nails; and not overloaded.)
11. Space heaters are enclosed and protected to prevent children from burning themselves.
12. Gas appliances (heaters, water heaters, stoves) have metal tubing; metal exhaust connections; and are vented to the outside of home.
13. All gas-fueled systems require an annual inspection by a qualified inspector. A current bill receipt/invoice will serve as proof of inspection.
14. Wood burning or gas log fireplaces are protected with a spark screen or guard.
15. Flammables, combustibles, and aerosols are stored or placed well away from any stove, heater, or fireplace in the home.
16. All lighters, matches, and incendiary devices are kept out of reach of children.
17. Flammable liquids are stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children.
18. Paint is kept in tightly closed metal containers.
19. All hazardous materials are kept secured.
20. The premises are free of rubbish, especially the attic, garage and basement.
21. Housekeeping is maintained, especially behind the clothes dryer (free of lint).
22. Family has an evacuation plan for emergencies. Shall be posted and display:
    A) Primary exit route B). Secondary exit route
    C). Fire Extinguisher placement D). Meeting area
23. There is a method available to alert family to a fire (alarm, bell, air-horn, etc.).
24. Verify that the State Fire Marshal's Office checklist has been completed and met.
25. The "Fire Safety" binder will be established and maintained.
    All the past three (3) years inspection records shall be kept orderly within the binder.
26. Fire drills are written; practiced regularly; and documented within the "Fire Safety" binder.
27. Current CPR certificate. Filed within "Fire Safety" binder.

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