



# PROSPER FIRE RESCUE

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### Foster Family Annual Inspection Checklist

*This inspection checklist is provided as a courtesy to assist you with your Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspection requirements*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Y N N/A General Questions

- Is the address clearly visible from the street?
- Will there be less than (7) seven children living in the Foster Home including biological children?
- Are all the children ambulatory and capable of self-preservation?
- Are any children under the age of (7) seven?
- Has a Home Fire Escape Plan been written, practiced & documented including floor diagram escape plan?
- Has an Emergency Preparedness Plan been written including emergency numbers, emergency contacts, emergency accommodations, etc.?

#### Y N N/A Fire Protection

- Is a working smoke detector installed in each sleeping room?
- Is a working smoke detector installed in the hallway near the sleeping rooms?
- If home is more than (1) one story, is a working smoke detector located at the top of the stairs?
- Is there an operable/compliant five-pound dry chemical extinguisher available for use in the kitchen?

#### Y N N/A Home Safety Construction Features

- If the home is more than (1) one story, can all bedrooms and/or living areas above the first floor be accessed by a standards set of stairs?
- Can a person travel from any room to an exit that leads directly outside without having to pass through an interior door that can be locked?
- Does each sleeping and/or living room have at least one of the following secondary means of escape other than the "front" or "back" doors:
  - A) A door, stairway, passage or hall providing unobstructed travel leading directly outside of the dwelling?
  - B) An outside window with a minimum opening of not less than 5.7 sq. ft. in area, minimum 20" wide x 24" high and no higher than 44" above the floor, located within 20 ft. of grade accessible to fire department apparatus?
  - C) A non-locking door into an adjoining room that has a means of escape described in A or B above?
- Can all primary exterior exit doors, windows used as a secondary means of escape & any security bars incorporated with these primary & secondary means of escape, be opened from the inside without the use of a key, tool or special knowledge (security code, combination)?
- Are the closet doors equipped so that a child can open the door from the inside?
- If the bathroom door is equipped with a lock, can the door be unlocked from the outside during an emergency?
- Have all access stairs to attic spaces been tested for compliance and provided with safety latching devices?

#### Y N N/A Electrical System

- Does the electrical system appear to be in good condition and properly grounded?
- Are electrical panels accessible and properly labeled?
- Are unoccupied electrical outlets covered or provided with protective devices?
- Are GFCI electrical outlets present and operational?
- Are extension cords compliant and used properly?

#### Y N N/A Gas Appliances & Piping

- Are all gas, wood, or fuel-fired appliances used in the home vented to the outside? (unless listed and approved)
- Are heaters, including wood burning or gas log fireplaces, equipped with immovable screens/barriers to prevent contact with open flames or hot surfaces?
- Are all gas-fired heaters inspected annually by a qualified technician, licensed and registered in the state?
- Are gas appliances (heaters, water heaters, stoves) equipped with metal tubing and metal connectors?

#### Y N N/A Flammable & Combustible Products

- Are combustible items stored away from any stove, heater, fire place in the Foster Home?
- Are all lighters and matches kept out of the reach of children
- Are flammable liquids stored in approved safety cans, kept away from heat and out of the reach of children?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Family Parent: \_\_\_\_\_