



Lancaster Fire Department FOSTER HOME INSPECTION

1. A completed floor plan with room dimensions and designated exits is required.
2. Safety Plug Covers needed throughout the house.
3. A complete First Aid Kit is required.
4. All Foster homes are required to have smoke that are installed in an interlocking system. Smoke detectors are needed in every bedroom and interior corridors.
5. One (1) 3A 40BC Fire Extinguisher which has to be **inspected by a licensed Fire Extinguisher Company**. (If the Foster Care home is a two-story home, there must be one (1) 3A 40BC Fire Extinguisher upstairs as well as downstairs.)
6. Home layout with measurements of each room is required to calculate occupancy load (200 sq. ft. of living area per every occupant)
7. Current First Aid and CPR cards.
8. All chemicals must be out of reach of children or safety latches have to be on cabinet doors.
9. All matches/lighters must be out of reach of children.
10. Garage must be a safe environment and all flammable liquids non-accessible.
11. All natural gas lines and propane require to be tested by a licensed plumber. A re-test must be made every five (5) years.
12. Rear yard must be in a safe condition.
13. Two story homes require a fire escape ladder for each bedroom upstairs.





14. All medication is to be in a lock box.
15. The Planning and Zoning Department must sign off on Foster Homes in compliance with the City of Lancaster Development Code. (Application will be sent to Planning and Zoning by the Fire Marshal's office).
16. If smoke detectors are older than 10 years they must be replaced.
17. Extension cords and space heaters are not allowed.

Should any inspection fail for noncompliance with City Codes a second inspection is required, and an additional fee of \$50.00 will be charged. This fee will increase by \$25.00 for each subsequent re-inspection.

When you are confident that the above lists of requirements have been met submit an Operational Permit Application and fee, along with a floor plan to the Fire Marshal's Office at the Lancaster Public Safety Building (address above). At that time we will schedule an inspection appointment for the Fire Marshal to inspect the property. Once the property has passed inspection an Operation Permit will be provided.

