

TRAVERSE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
FIRE INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Provider: _____

Date: _____

- ____ 1. SMOKE DETECTORS: Located on every level outside of sleeping areas. A hardwired, interconnected, battery back-up smoke detection system may be required. Recommend replacement every 10 years.
- ____ 2. FIRE EXTINGUISHER: Fire extinguisher in kitchen area (2A10BC or larger). Serviced and tagged annually.
- ____ 3. ELECTRICAL: Extension cords cannot be used in place of fixed wiring. Multi-plug surge protection may be used for computers, stereos, etc. An electrical safety inspection may be needed. There must be 30" of clear space in front of the electrical box. Empty spaces must be filled.
- ____ 4. BEDROOM/BATHROOM DOORS: Must be openable from the outside and the opening tool readily accessible.
- ____ 5. LOCKS: Double cylinder locks (key on both sides) are prohibited.
- ____ 6. FURNACE: No combustibles within 36" of the heating appliance. May need a furnace safety inspection.
- ____ 7. STAIRWAYS: Stairways of 3 or more steps (if built before 1982 and all child care) or four or more (if built after 1982) must have handrails. Stairways must be well lighted, in good repair and free of clutter and obstruction.
- ____ 8. MEANS OF ESCAPE (EGRESS): Two means of escape from each room used for care. Windows must be openable without special knowledge. Minimum of 20 inches in width and 24 inches in height. Installation prior to April, 1983: minimum of 5.0 sq. feet of clear opening, maximum of 48 inches from floor. Installation after April, 1983: minimum of 5.7 sq. feet of clear opening, maximum of 44 inches from floor.
- ____ 9. GARAGE SEPARATION: An attached garage must have a self-closing device on a solid wood or metal door (20 minute fire rated) between the residence and garage and a separation wall of 2" or 5/8" gypsum wallboard or its equivalent on the garage side between the residence and garage.
- ____ 10. FLASHLIGHT AND RADIO: Must have an operable flashlight and battery operated radio readily available.
- ____ 11. ADDRESS: Must be visible on the outside of the house.
- ____ 12. LP CYLINDERS: Must be stored outside (including gas grills).
- ____ 13. GUARDRAILS: Required on stairways, balconies and decks that are more than 30" above grade. Rail shall be at least 36" high and have a rail pattern of less than 6" (4" on new construction).
- ____ 14. INTERIOR FINISH: Interior walls must have a flame spread of 200 or less Class C or III. Paneling should have a rating stamped on the back or be at least 1/4" thick.

FOR CHILD CARE LICENSING

- ____ 15. ELECTRICAL OUTLET COVERS: Must be on all plug-ins accessible to children.
- ____ 16. CLOSET DOORS: Must be openable from the inside.
- ____ 17. Furnace, water heaters and woodstoves are inaccessible to children.
- ____ 18. Hot surfaces are protected by guards to prevent burns (fireplace, woodburning stoves, space heaters, radiators, etc.).

Provider Signature and Date

Licensor Signature/Date

Fire Marshal Signature/Date