



Camas Washougal Fire Marshal's Office

Home Daycare Self Inspection

Thank you for making a personal commitment to fire prevention and safety in your home daycare. This checklist is for your use to address/monitor the most common safety issues in home daycare facilities.

General

- House Numbers are visible from the street in numbers at least 4 inches high.
- Smoke detectors located on every level of the home, in each bedroom, and outside of bedrooms.
- All smoke detectors have been tested and work. (We recommend testing your smoke detectors monthly and replacing batteries annually.)
- CO detectors outside each sleeping area and on every level.
- Emergency vehicles can make access to the house.

Kitchen Fire Prevention and Safety

- Kitchen hood is clean and free of grease.
- Potholders, dish clothes and other combustibles placed well away from stove and cooking area.
- Caregiver(s) know how to extinguish a pan fire, oven and microwave fire.
- Caregiver(s) never leave cooking food unattended

Other Fire Prevention at Your Home Daycare

- Electrical cords are in good condition (no frays, cracks, splices, etc.).
- Electrical cords are located in areas they won't be damaged.
- Power strips or multi-plug adapters with circuit breaker are used instead of extension cords and multi-plug devices.
- There is adequate clearance between combustibles and heaters, portable heaters, wood stoves, fireplace, water heaters and other heating appliances.
- Matches and lighters are stored in a safe place.
- Portable fire extinguisher (2A10BC minimum) is accessible and in working order.
- The electrical breaker panel is accessible and the breakers are labeled.
- Fireplace has a proper screen or door.
- The dryer lint collector and the area behind dryer are free of lint.

Escape Planning

- The Home Daycare has a fire escape plan.
- The Home Daycare conducts fire drills at least monthly.
- There are two ways out of every room used for sleeping.
- There is a designated outside meeting place.