FIRE SAFETY SELF DECLARATION

ND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
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Clear Fields

FAMILY FOSTER HOME

(NDCC 50-11. New section, enacted 8-1-93)

This form must be completed and signed by **each** foster parent before initial licensure and each renewal under this chapter.

Walk through your home and review each point on the form. If your home complies, mark "comply", if it does not comply, mark "fail" and explain how you plan to bring it into compliance, and the timeframe. If the survey point does not apply, mark "n/a". (Note: General recommendations are provided on an attached sheet. You may utilize these general recommendations to help you decide if your home complies.)

It is recommended that you wait until all deficiencies are corrected, initial each item and date, then submit the completed survey form to the licensing social worker.	Name of Fire Department Serving Home: (City/Rural)
	Telephone Number of Fire Department:

Name(s)	County	Telephone Number	
Address (Street)	City	State	ZIP Code
If Rural, Directions to Home			

	Survey Point	Comply	Fail	N/A	Correction/Timeframe
1.	Each sleeping room has two means of escape.				
2.	Basement has two means of escape, one of which leads directly to the outside (if used by foster care client).				
3.	All closet doors equipped with latches, must have latches children can open from the inside.				
4.	No exit door is locked against egress by children/adults in care.				
5.	Bathroom doors can be unlocked from the outside.				
6.	Smoke detection is provided for all sleeping areas and each floor level.				
7.	Area near electrical panel box is free from combustibles.				
8.	All natural gas, propane gas, and fuel oil heat appliances are inspected every two years.				
Date of Most Recent Inspection:					
9.	Solid fuel appliances, such as coal and wood, are inspected annually.				
Date of Most Recent Inspection:					
10.	Hot water boilers in apartment buildings that are separate from living spaces will be inspected every 3 years.				
Date of Most Recent Inspection:					
11.	Stairs and exit doors are clear and unobstructed.				
12.	Kitchen, furnace room and all occupied floor levels are provided with ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers.				
13.	Electrical extension cords are not in permanent use in the home.				
14.	Home has at least one operable flashlight in an accessible location.				
15.	Combustibles are stored away from furnace, water heater, or other heat sources (minimum of 3 feet).				
16.	Interior doors are designed to prevent children from being trapped.				

General recommendations are as follows: If you will be providing care to children under age 6, electrical outlets should have protective covers. Walls and ceilings should be free of combustible materials. In all occupied space, interior wall and ceiling finishing should be of fire resistant materials.

General recommendations which relate to Survey Points:

(1) Anyone calling for help in an emergency can read the address and directions to the emergency responder.

(2-3) One means of escape may be a window. General recommendation for a window is a window of size and height that can be egressed by an adult or child.

(5) Doors to outside should be at least 30" wide.

(10) A smoke detector should be placed in any sleeping room occupied by a foster child or adult.

(12) All fuel fired heating appliances (or alternate heating devices such as fireplaces, free standing wood stoves, etc.) must be vented; barriers should be provided to protect children and adults from hot surfaces or open flames. Inspections should be completed by a heating/air conditioning professional.

(14) Fire extinguishers should, at a minimum, be rated at 1A1OBC.

PLAN

(These must be documented)

☐ A written escape plan must be formulated. (Please attach)	Date Completed:
☐ Fire drills will be held quarterly and in the first week any child is placed.	Date of Most Recent Fire Drill:
☐ Smoke detectors will be tested monthly.	Date of Most Recent Testing:
☐ Smoke detectors with alkaline batteries will be replaced as necessary, but at least once a year.	Date of Most Recent Battery Change:
☐ Smoke detectors with 10-year lithium batteries will be replaced as necessary, but at least every 10 years.	Date of Most Recent Battery Change:
☐ Extinguishers will be self inspected monthly.	Date of Last Inspection:

☐ Extinguishers are serviced annually or replaced every 3 years.

☐ Serviced annually, or:	Date of Last Servicing:
☐ Replaced every 3 years	Date of Purchase:

I/We hereby declare that we have conducted the foregoing survey of our home and premises and that we believe the information provided to you accurately reflects the fire/safety status of our home. We understand that this declaration is required for foster home licensure and that provision of false information is grounds for revocation/denial of a license to provide family foster care.

BOTH APPLICANTS MUST SIGN

Applicant's Signature:	Date
Applicant's Signature:	Date

DISTRIBUTION: Copy: Agency
Human Service Center
Foster Home