

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
SAFETY AUDIT OF A FOSTER HOME  
Also used for adoptive homes**

**Identifying Information:**

Name of Caregiver #1 (Last)	First	Name of Caregiver #2 (Last)	First
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Name of Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Recertification <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation	

1.	The home and all structures associated with the home are maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and in a reasonable state of repair. 5101:2-7-12(A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Outdoor recreation equipment on the grounds of the home is maintained in a safe state of repair. 5101:2-7-12(B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3.	Potentially hazardous outdoor areas on the grounds of or immediately adjacent to the home are reasonably safeguarded. 5101:2-7-12(C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4.	The home is adequately heated, lighted and ventilated. 5101:2-7-12(D)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5.	Bleach, cleaning materials, other poisonous or corrosive household chemicals, flammable and combustible materials, potentially dangerous tools or utensils, and electrical equipment or machinery in or on the grounds of the home are stored in a safe manner. 5101:2-7-12(E)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6.	Firearm, air rifles, hunting slingshot or other projectile weapons kept on the grounds of or in the home are stored in an inoperative condition in a locked area inaccessible to children. 5101:2-7-12(F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7.	Ammunition, arrows or projectiles for weapons are stored in a locked area separate from the weapon. 5101:2-7-12(F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8.	There is reasonable access to a working telephone for emergency situations. 5101:2-7-12 (G)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9.	Emergency telephone numbers posted: 5101:2-7-12(H) ' Fire ' Police ' Squad/Rescue ' Poison Control ' Recommending Agency ' Placing Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
10.	All locking doors to any room or storage area inside the home in which a person could become confined, and from which the only other means of exit requires the use of a key, shall be able to be unlocked from either side. 5101:2-7-12(I)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11.	Well water used for drinking and cooking shall be tested and approved by the health department prior to initial certification of the home and annually; or there is a continuous supply of safe drinking water. 5101:2-7-12(J)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12.	The home has working bathroom and toilet facilities located within the home and connected to an indoor plumbing system. 5101:2-7-12(K)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
13.	Garbage shall be disposed of on a regular basis. Garbage stored outside shall be in covered containers or closed bags. 5101:2-7-12(L)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14.	The home has a working smoke alarm approved by "Underwriter's Laboratory" on each level of occupancy. 5101:2-7-12(M)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15.	The home has a written evacuation plan for evacuating the home or seeking shelter in the event of fire, tornado or other disaster. 5101:2-7-12(N)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16.	The evacuation plan contains a primary and alternate escape for each floor. 5101:2-7-12(N)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
17.	All escape routes shall be kept free of clutter and other obstructions. 5101:2-7-12(O)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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18.	Household heating equipment is equipped with appropriate safeguards in accordance with age and functioning level of foster children in the home. 5101:2-7-12(P)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
19.	Any unvented kerosene heaters used in the home are approved by "Underwriter's Laboratory". 5101:2-7-12(Q)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
20.	The home has an "Underwriter's Laboratory" approved portable fire extinguisher in working order in or near the cooking area of the home. 5101:2-7-12(R)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
21.	Pets or domestic animals in or on the premises of the home are kept in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with state and/or local laws. 5101:2-7-12(R)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
22.	Interior and exterior stairways accessible to children are protected by child safety gates or doors according to the child's age and functioning level. 5101:2-7-12(U)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
23.	Each foster child's bedroom has an outside wall window that should be screened and capable of opening and closing, unless the room has a fresh air ventilation system. 5101:2-7-05(B)(1)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
24.	Bedrooms for foster children accommodate no more than four children. 5101:2-7-05(B)(2)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
25.	Bedrooms for foster children provide reasonable access to an emergency exit. 5101:2-7-05(B)(6)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
26.	Bedrooms for foster children are not located on a floor higher than the second floor or in a basement unless approved in writing by a fire safety inspector. 5101:2-7-05(B)(7)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
27.	A bunk bed in use for a foster child is equipped with safety rails on the upper tier for a child under the age of ten years. 5101:2-7-05(F)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
28.	Cribs used for children under two years of age or under 35 inches in height are full-sized, with slats no more than 2 inches apart, no decorative cutout areas on crib end panels which could entrap a child's head, locks and latches on the drop side of the crib are safe and secure from accidental release or release by the child inside the crib, the mattress is at least 1½ inches thick and covered with a waterproof material not dangerous to the child and fits close enough to the frame so that there is no more than one inch between the mattress and the sides of the crib. 5101:2-7-10(A)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
29.	If a bassinet is in use, it is used only for children under 3 months of age or less than 15 pounds in weight. 5101:2-7-10(B)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
30.	All vehicles used to transport foster children are covered by liability insurance in accordance with current state laws. 5101:2-7-15(A)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A
31.	In accordance with the age and weight of foster children placed in the home, child restraint seats or booster seats are available for use in vehicles used to transport foster children. 5101:2-7-15 (D)(E)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A

**Assessor and Supervisor Action: Check one or both boxes below and sign the form indicating approval or need for a fire safety inspection**

- I.  I certify that based on my observations of this home on this date, this home appears to be reasonably safe for placement of a foster or adoptive child(ren).
- II.  Based on my observations of this home on this date, the foster caregiver will be required to secure a fire safety inspection pursuant to rules 5101:2-5-20 or 5101:2-5-24 of the Ohio Administrative Code before a decision can be made regarding recertification. Pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-30 a fire safety inspection is required within 90 days of the relocation of any foster home.

Agency Assessor Signature	Date
Supervisor Signature	Date
Date Fire Safety Inspection Was Conducted	

**Note: Completion of this form is required by Chapter 5101:2-5 or Chapter 5101:2-48 of the Ohio Administrative Code.**