



424.04 Application to Adopt - Fire Inspections



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- The Office of the State Fire Marshal is mandated to conduct fire inspections for foster homes. The Department of LLR Office of State Fire Marshal Regulation 8301.3(E) lists the specific inspection requirements for foster homes. These same requirements are used by the Office of the State Marshal when inspections are completed for adoptive homes. To ensure the safety of children placed in adoptive homes, DSS policy requires that a fire inspection be completed on all adoptive homes.

Policy

To ensure the safety of children placed in adoptive homes, fire inspections must be conducted on the homes of all potential adoptive families prior to approval. Annual re-inspections are required when the family has an active approved adoptive home file. All violations noted on the fire inspection report must be corrected prior to approval with the exception of any number listed as maximum capacity of children who can reside in the home. DSS policy does not include a limit on the number of children that may be placed in an adoptive home. The adoptive placement must consider the safety, permanency and well-being of the child(ren), must be in the best interests of the child(ren) and the home must have adequate and appropriate bedroom space for each child.

Procedures

1. Requesting a Fire Inspection

- The Adoption Specialist requests initial and yearly fire inspections through the SC LLR website (<http://www.llr.state.sc.us>).

2. Retrieving the fire inspection report

- A copy of the Fire Marshal's report is available on the SC LLR website a few days after the inspections have been completed and will be accessible for 30 days.

3. Violations/Deficiencies

- a. If no deficiencies are noted and/or a re-inspection is not required, the report is filed in the family file and the adoption specialist proceeds with the family assessment.
- b. If deficiencies are noted and a re-inspection is required, the adoption specialist discusses corrections and time frames for completion with the family and follows up with the Fire Marshal.

4. Change in Residence

- When an adoptive family notifies the agency of a change in residence, a new fire inspection is required.

Statutes/Regulations

Department of LLR Office of State Fire Marshal Regulation 8301.3(E)

Referenced Documents

Department of LLR Office of State Fire Marshal Regulation 8301.3(E)

Revision Comments

Revised to clarify that there is no limitation on the number of children that can be

placed in an adoptive home. The adoptive placement must consider the safety, permanency and well-being of the child(ren), must be in the best interests of the child(ren) and the home must have adequate and appropriate bedroom space for each child.