

- A fire extinguisher (size 2A10BC) must be kept in or adjacent to the kitchen and there must be a fire extinguisher on each floor of the home. All fire extinguishers must be inspected and tagged annually.
- A working smoke detector must be present in every sleeping area of the home.
- For all 2 story homes, a rope ladder or other means of escape from the second floor must be available.
- Fire drills must be conducted a least every 6 months and every time a new foster child is placed in the home regardless of the age of the children in the home. The dates of fire drills, amount of time it took to complete the drill and the number of people who participated in the drill should be documented.
- An evacuation plan must be posted in a prominent location in the home and should be discussed with all children in the home, as age appropriate. The plan should highlight fire escape routes, location of smoke detectors, location of a fire extinguisher on each floor of the home, all exits and a meeting place outside the home.
- Fire Inspections are required for all homes in Citrus County. These inspections must be completed by the Citrus County Fire Inspector. For all other counties, the Licensing Specialist will complete a Fire Safety check.